PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

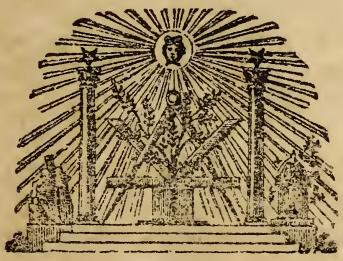
GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT YORK MASONS

OF

NORTH CAROLINA,

A. L. 5845.

P. W. FANNING, M. W. Grand Master, Wilmington.
WILLIAM T. BAIN, R. W. Grand Secretary, Raleigh.



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GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

MONDAY EVENING,

December 1, *A. D.* 1845, *A. L.* 5845.

The Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina met this evening at half past six o'clock, at their Hall in the City of Raleigh, according to adjournment:

PRESENT:

W. M. P. W. FANNING, G. M.
R. W. W. S. LANGDON, G. C., P. T.
" " W. W. JOHNSON, G. S. W., P. T.
" " T. BURR, G. J. W., P. T.
" " C. W. D. HUTCHINGS, G. T.
" " W. T. BAIN, G. S. D., P. T.
Bro. WM. G. HILL, G. S, D., P. T.
" WILLIAM DUGGAN, G. J. D., P. T.
" W. HOLLISTER, G. P.
" D. JONES, G. M., P. T.
" JAS. A. McRAE, G. S. B., P. T.
" RICHARD W. ASHTON, G. S. and T.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form in the third degree.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE FOLLOWING SUBORDINATE LODGES:

Saint John's Lodge No. 1, Wilmington—Bro. T. Burr, Jun'r.

Phœnix Lodge, No. 8, Fayetteville—Bro. Jas. A. McRae.

Hiram Lodge, No. 40, Raleigh—Bro's. W. G. Hill, W. Hollister and W. W. Johnson.

Universty Lodge, No. 80, Chapel Hill—Bro. Jos. Waltering.

Joseph Warren Lodge, No. 92, Stantonsburg—Bros. William Duggan and William Tunnell.

Saint John's Lodge, No. 96, Kinston—Bros. D. Jones and W. D. West.

Perquimons Lodge, No. 106, Hertford—Bro. Jas. L. Freer.

VISITERS:

Bros. O. L. Burch, Willis Scott, Jer. Dunn, R. Findlater, C. Grimme, William McClennahan.

A communication from a Committee of Odd Fellows, proposing to rent the Lodge Room, was read, and on motion, it was referred to the Building Committee.

Ordered by the Grand Master, that all Master Masons of good standing, who may be in the City, during the Session of the Grand Lodge, be allowed a seat therein as visiters.

No other business appearing, the Grand Lodge called off from labor to refreshment until to-morrow evening, Tuesday, at half past six o'clock.

WILLIAM T. BAIN, Gr. Sec'y.

TUESDAY EVENING,

December 2, *A. D.* 1845, *A. L.* 5845.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

M. W. P. W. FANNING, G. M.
R. W. THOMAS LORING, P. D. G. M.
R. W. and Rev. Bro. T. J. LEMAY, G. C.
R. W. W. W. JOHNSON, G. S. W., P. T.
R. W. T. BURR, G. J. W., P. T.
" " C. W. D. HUTCHINGS, G. T.
" " W. T. BAIN, G. S.
Bro. WILLIAM G. HILL, G. S. D., P. T.
" WILLIAM DUGGAN, G. J. D., P. T.
" W. HOLLISTER, G. P.
" D. JONES, G. M., P. T.
" JAS. A. McRAE, G. S. B., P. T.
" R. W. ASHTON, G. S. and T.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM SUBORDINATE LODGES:

Saint John's Lodge, No. 1. Wilmington—Bro. T. Burr, Jun'r.

Phœnix Lodge, No. 8, Fayetteville—Bro. J. A. McRae.

Belmont Lodge, No. 108, Duplin County—Bro. L. R. Loftin.

Hiram Lodge, No. 40, Raleigh—Bros. W. G. Hill, Wesley Hollister and W. W. Johnson.

University Lodge, No. 80, Chapel Hill—Bro. Jos. Waltering.

Joseph Warren Lodge, No. 92, Stantonsburg—Bros. William Duggan and William Tunnell.

Saint John's Lodge, No. 96, Kinston—Bros. D. Jones and W. D. West.

Perquimons Lodge, No. 106, Hertford—Bro. Jas. L. Freer.

Fellowship Lodge, No. 84, Smithfield—Bros. W. R. Lee and B. B. Allen.

VISITERS.

Bros. Ramsay, Rob't. Findlater, William F. Collins and John H. Kirkham.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The following communication was submitted by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, which was read, and, on motion of Bro. T. J. Lemay, it was

Resolved, That the several subjects referred to in said communication, be referred to Committees appointed by the Chair.

Resolved further, That the Masters of Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, cause this communication to be read in open Lodge, and that it be printed in the proceedings for that purpose.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

BRETHREN: The present is a befitting occasion to call forth our most grateful acknowledgments to the Supreme Grand Architect of the Universe, who undeviatingly watches over and protects our beloved Institution, for the renewed privilege we enjoy of assembling together in Grand Council, to interchange fraternal salutations, and to unite our best efforts in extending the great principles we profess, and in discharging with fidelity the important trusts confided to our charge. Let us earnestly invoke upon our deliberations the blessings of that same Almighty Being, and endeavor, by the harmony and wisdom of our proceedings, to merit His approbation, and win His smiles.

We have convened together, at this season, in obedience to the requirements of the Constitution, to deliberate upon, and mature such measures as, in our judgment, may be best calculated to advance the interests, and secure the prosperity of our cherished Institution. And believe me, our constituents, anxiously looking for beneficial results from our proceedings, have a right to expect

and demand at our hands the enactment of such good and wholesome regulations, as their peculiar necessities, both individually and collectively, may require. I pray, therefore, that you may lay aside every selfish consideration, and strive only, to see who best can work, who best agree.

My first duty is, the melancholy enunciation of the death of our worthy, talented, and respected Senior Grand Warden, Bro. *Thos. S. Clark.* He has been suddenly snatched away in the prime of life, and in the midst of usefulness; and there is reason to hope that he will enjoy as conspicuous a place in the Celestial Lodge above, as his virtues, zeal and devotion so eminently entitled him to occupy in the Lodge below. I trust a suitable demonstration will be made by this Grand Lodge, for the irreparable loss which it, and Masonry in general, has sustained by this afflictive dispensation.

The proceedings of a large majority of the Grand Lodges of the Union are before me; and I have been highly gratified, on a careful perusal of their contents, to find in them the embodiment of so great a mass of invaluable matter, peculiarly interesting to the Masonic Fraternity. Having much vitally important business of a local character, to bring to the notice of this Grand Lodge, I shall necessarily be compelled to be brief in my review of those valuable Journals, commending them, however, to the more scrutinizing investigation of the appropriate committee into whose hands they will be placed.

An effort is made, in the Grand Lodge of Maine, to reduce the fees for conferring the Degrees, from nineteen to fifteen dollars. Masonry should not be made too cheap; and it is to be regretted that a uniformity in this matter could not be established throughout the States. I notice that two dollars are required of the Subordinate Lodges,

for every initiation by them, to be paid into the Grand Treasury.

The Grand Lodge of New Hampshire also requires for the Degrees fifteen dollars. In this State, the filial care of the Grand Lodge is manifested, by the appointment of qualified Brethren to visit and instruct her Subordinates, and to report. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence entertain erroneous views, I apprehend, in relation to the right of a Lodge to try its Master. He has it in charge to support the constitution and bye-laws of the Grand Lodge, and should therefore be not amenable to an inferior body, for reasons obvious to an intelligent mind. Appended to the proceedings is the constitution, which appears to be well arranged. In it I perceive that *one dollar* is required of the Lodges for every candidate initiated.

The Grand Master, in his communication to the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, comments upon a subject which applies elsewhere. He says: "Another subject was introduced in a former communication, which it appears to me cannot longer be overlooked, without compromitting the honor and dignity of the Grand Lodge. I allude to the embezzlement of the funds of the Grand Lodge, by those who, in many instances, still retain their standing as good and true Masons. It appears to me, that it is time that it should be clearly understood, whether the obligations which bind us together are or are not a dead letter."

The Journal of Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York is a most valuable document to the Masonic fraternity. The address of the M. W. Grand Master being written in a dignified style, and the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence evidencing great Masonic research, and indefatigable labor in its preparation; its beauty is impaired, however, by rather too profuse a

sprinkling of self adulation. The Grand Master, in his address, with great propriety urges the practice of examining candidates in regard to their proficiency in prior degrees, before being advanced; it should never be omitted. He observes, also, that the practice of furnishing refreshments in the Lodges, is rapidly growing into disfavor; in our own Lodges it is entirely abolished. A strong appeal is made to the brethren, for their liberal aid in establishing a Free Mason's Orphan Asylum. He speaks in flattering terms of the prospect of success, in a great project on foot, under the plan of a Joint Stock Company, to erect a magnificent Mason's Hall, for the accommodation of the Grand, and all the Subordinate Lodges in the city. The report above alluded to, I hope, will receive proper attention from the committee to whom it will be referred.

A distinguished Mason presides over the Grand Lodge of Maryland; he reprehends in just terms the practice of admitting temporary residents to the order, and recommends the passing of a resolution, forbidding the practice in all the Lodges under that jurisdiction, and inviting the co-operation of the other Grand Lodges. He brings forward the subject of a General Grand Lodge, which will be noticed hereafter. He also refers to the wants of the country Lodges, and urges an appropriation for the Grand Lecturer, who was unable to perfect a work happily begun, for want of pecuniary means. In an able report of the Committee on Correspondence, the case of the resuscitation of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, after having lain dormant for some time, is brought to notice, for the purpose of expressing an opinion touching Masonic Jurisprudence, which is, that they "hold to the doctrine that a Grand Lodge (acting within its own jurisdiction) may by a vote of two-thirds, adopt for her own government, and the government of her Subordinate

Lodges, any rule, regulation, order or edict not changing the landmarks of Masonry, which she may deem requisite for the safety of the craft under her jurisdiction." This needs no other sanction than the law of self preservation.

The Grand Lodge of Virginia employs two Grand Lecturers, whose reports are full of interest.

In the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Georgia is a Protest, signed by a number of its members, against the rejection, on a former day, of a resolution requiring one Lodge, which had infringed upon the jurisdiction of another, by the admission of a candidate from nearer that Lodge, to pay over to the same the fees received. It was clearly an error.

The Grand Lodge of Mississippi has passed a resolution requiring the Subordinate Lodges to collect a Tax from unassociated Brethren in good standing, to be applied to the education of orphan children—the names of such as might refuse to pay, to be returned and published in the proceedings. I am not prepared to say that a general regulation of that nature would be politic.

The Grand Lodge of Wisconsin has issued a very excellent constitution, recently revised; containing, however, one objectionable article, and that is, in regard to the manner of voting on expulsions. Instead of audibly answering the question "guilty or not guilty?" the use of the ballot-box, to my mind, would be more strictly in consonance with Masonic usage.

In all the Proceedings under my inspection, I find so much of an interesting nature, and deserving notice, that it is with difficulty I force myself from thir perusal.

I come now to the most important topics of discussion; and you will pardon me if, in my desire to do justice to our common cause, I should trespass upon your patience.

While there is manifested the most cheering evidence

of the flourishing condition of our order generally, throughout our wide spread country, and in portions of our own State, yet I am constrained, however painful, to apprise you of the hapless situation of many of our Lodges, requiring the most prompt and energetic action of your Body to save them from irrecoverable degeneracy, if not from absolute dissolution.

There are many causes to which this lamentable state of affairs may be attributed, and to none, probably, more than the want of that fostering care of the Grand Lodge, which is so essential to inspire in the Subordinates a due regard for Masonic principles, and impel them to a strict adherence to those peculiar forms and ceremonies on which, chiefly, depends their very existence.

From lack of decision in the presiding officers of some of our Lodges, abuses have been suffered to creep in; and in others, indolent or careless habits have been so long indulged, that they seem no longer possessed of the ability to reform. However reluctant I may feel in exhibiting before the Grand Lodge a picture so deformed, yet a proper sense of the responsibilities resting upon me, as well as a due regard for the interests committed to my trust, will not allow me to be less candid. The duty of pointing out a remedy is no less imperative than that of exposing an abuse; and I am well convinced that this Grand Lodge has the remedy at hand, which is to provide a salary for the General Grand Lecturer, making it his duty to visit, lecture and instruct all the Subordinate Lodges in the State, and attend to such other requirements as should be imposed upon him.

Under the present arrangement, any Lodge may require his services by paying therefor; but under the proposed regulation it would be incumbent on him to visit all the Lodges and impart instruction; at present but comparatively few Lodges will avail themselves of the privi-

lege of obtaining the lectures, while the new plan would insure to each a thorough knowledge. I must be excused for pressing this subject upon the Grand Lodge for its earnest consideration, feeling well convinced that without this, or some more effectual provision, Masonry cannot sustain even its present feeble position among us.

Having shown the necessity of granting a salary to the Grand Lecturer, it may be expected of me to point out the source from which it is to be raised, as not less than four or five hundred dollars will compensate for his services, and the present income of the Grand Lodge but barely meets its expenditures.

I propose that every Lodge pay into the Grand Treasury *one dollar* for each member, and the same for each initiation, *provided* that no Lodge be required to pay for both initiation and membership for any one individual at one and the same time.

The whole number of Lodges now in existence in this State, as near as can be ascertained, are forty-five; of these twenty-seven only made returns last year, paying, besides arrearages, (agreeably to the dues now exacted) two hundred and seventy dollars; add to which some small amount from other sources, and the income of the Grand Lodge may be computed at from three hundred to three hundred and fifty dollars. The returns of these twenty-seven Lodges show an aggregate of nine hundred and nineteen members, and ninety-seven initiations. I notice that most of the Grand Lodges derive their income from a similar tax; this in my view is the most equitable method, and the least objectionable that can be devised. Twenty-five cents quarterage from each member will meet the requisition, and no Lodge will feel the burden. Should the Grand Lodge concur in the above suggesstions, it will be necessary to amend or rescind the resolution relative to dues, adopted in 1835. By the op-

erations of this plan, the income of the Grand Lodge would become respectable, and ample means be provided for all contingencies.

In the event of the above named provisions being carried out, there will be no necessity for any action by this Grand Lodge in regard to delinquent Lodges, as the Grand Master can, under existing resolutions, so instruct the Grand Lecturer as that they may be dealt with agreeably to the true spirit and intent of said resolutions; and the Grand Master will be enabled to lay before the next annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, the precise condition of every Lodge in the State. It may perhaps be proper to adopt some resolution giving the Grand Master discretionay power to sell, lease or rent any property forfeited to the Grand Lodge. One year's trial will test the advantages of the whole scheme.

In obedience to a resolution of the Grand Lodge, I was fortunate in securing the services of our worthy Brother, Rev. Jacob Frieze, to fill the office of General Grand Lecturer; and with commendable zeal he entered at once upon the discharge of his duties, visiting several Lodges, but was prevented by sickness from extending his labors. His very able Report herewith presented, and marked A, I wish may be read by the Grand Secretary for the information of the Grand Lodge; and also that it may be placed in the hands of the appropriate committee. The Jewels of Enfield Lodge were handed me by Bro. Frieze, and are now in possession of the Grand Secretary, as is also the returned Charter. In regard to the property of that Lodge, alluded to in the Grand Lecturer's Report, no action will be necessary in the event of carrying into effect previous recommendations; the same in regard to Jerusalem Lodge, and also the Lodge property in Newbern.

By authority of a resolution of Grand Lodge, I

appointed Bro. Isaac Hellen as agent to attend to Jerusalem Lodge, but have as yet received no report.

On proper application, during the recess of the Grand Lodge, I granted a Dispensation for a Lodge, called "St. John's," to be located at Smithville. The D. G. Master has also granted a Dispensation for a Lodge in Beaufort, to be called "Franklin."

I had the pleasure of visiting the new Lodge at Smithville, and found in it zealous Masons. I also visited Concord Lodge at Tarboro', and found it in a healthy condition.

During the last year a formal complaint was made to me by St. John's Lodge, No. 1, against Hiram Lodge, No. 98, for violation of a resolution of the Grand Lodge adopted in December 1828, declaring it irregular for any Lodge to receive a candidate who had been rejected, or who resided nearer another Lodge. Uncontrollable circumstances prevented my visiting Hiram Lodge, as I had intended, with a view of investigating the matter. There could have been no palliation for the offence, especially as it was committed by Brethren of acknowledged respectability and intelligence. It was intimated to me that a strong petition in favor of the rejected individual, signed by members belonging to the injured Lodge, had been the cause of his obtaining the Degrees in Clinton. But the whole proceedures were irregular and reprehensible; and both the Lodge and those signing the petition were rendered liable to suspension. A sense of duty alone has prompted me to bring this unpleasant affair before the Grand Lodge; and I would suggest, merely, that it provide by decided enactment against future transgressions, and that Hiram Lodge be required to pay over to the complaining Lodge the fees received.

Many of our Grand Lodges have taken decisive measures on the subject of Education; among those which stand out in the boldest relief, are Missouri, New York

and Kentucky. Without arrogating too much for our own Grand Lodge, I venture the suggestion that the first great impetus was given to that noble enterprise by action of that body many years since. And but recently a very laudable effort was made to establish under the auspices of the Grand Lodge, "A Seminary of Learning" within this State. The Grand Lodge took the subject into favorable consideration, and, with the strongest appeals, submitted it to the action of the Subordinate Lodges, and exerted every influence calculated to produce a favorable result; but unhappily, those from whom assistance was most confidently expected possessed not the means, consequently it is most advisable to postpone for the present any farther action in the premises. I would, however, recommend, an expression declaring it as the sense of this Grand Lodge, that every Subordinate Lodge under her jurisdiction should hold sacred all initiation fees for benevolent purposes; and furthermore, that they be advised to establish Schools, or appropriate a certain amount of their funds for the education of poor Masonic or other children within their neighborhoods; a plan that may be the more effectually carried into operation by the appointment of judicious School Committees. They should likewise be required to make yearly returns to the Grand Lodge, of the number of children under tuition, as well as the amount expended. Before leaving this subject, I cannot refrain from quoting entire the following beautiful and very appropriate sentiment, embodied in the Report of a Committee of the Grand Lodge of Alabama on Education. They remark in conclusion of an able article thus, "that while the Masonic heart bleeds at the sight of the helpless child, as it suffers with nakedness and hunger, even a deeper sympathy should awake at the sight of its *mental destitution.* The body may be clothed and fed, and yet a life of hope-

less ignorance will be unprofitable. But cultivate its mind, and the hope may be entertained that honor to itself and usefulness to mankind will be the result."

This Grand Lodge having approved the design of a National Masonic Convention, and adopted the rules for organizing and establishing the same; and having also concurred in a resolution to hold the next meeting in the city of Winchester, Va. on the second Monday in May ensuing, I deem it proper to call your attention thereto, in order that you may provide for a representative to said Convention, and take such other action in the premises as your wisdom may suggest.

The subject of organizing a General Grand Lodge has at various times been agitated, and heretofore met with but little favor—from dread, principally, of concentrating in one body too much power, and of encroachments upon the inalienable or reserved rights of the individual Grand Lodges. Such fears, in my humble opinion, are groundless; and on that subject I coincide fully in the remarks of the M. W. Asa Peabody, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, which are too lengthy for entire quotation. He observes, "that a General Grand Lodge with limited powers, having no authority but to correct deviations and errors in work and lectures, and settle such differences between State Grand Lodges as should be referred to it, has no terrors for me;" and again, that "the State Grand Lodges should forever retain the general authority, from which there should be no appeal but in a few specified cases, where the question at issue affected the whole fraternity. Consistently with this, a General Grand Lodge might be formed, possessing none but cautiously delegated powers." The M. W. Charles Gilman, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, also discusses the same subject in a very able and satisfactory manner, and expresses a doubt from indications,

whether the contemplated meeting of a Convention of Grand Lodges at Winchester will ever be held. Yet he contends that there "should be a Body, with limited jurisdiction, deriving its existence from the several Grand Lodges, which, meeting periodically, might satisfactorily determine matters of general policy, and prevent innovations upon the ancient usages of the Order." The Grand Lodge at the same time adopted resolutions conformably to the above suggestions, and requesting those Grand Lodges that agree to the proposition of forming a General Grand Lodge, to send delegates to meet in Convention for that purpose, in the city of Baltimore, in September, 1847.

I am decidedly in favor of establishing a General Grand Lodge for the purpose of protecting the ancient landmarks and usages of the Order, and of settling all questions that may arise in reference thereto, in preference to any other *partial* tribunal that may be occasionally set up, whose acts may be confirmed at pleasure, and broken at will. And although this Grand Lodge has adopted the convention system, I would deferentially ask, if the proposed organization be not infinitely better? As the time of the proposed convention is distant, no definite action is necessary at this time, other than the expression of opinion.

The discrepances in work and proceedings of all our Grand Lodges, call loudly for such an institution, and I will present to your notice some instances of this character, accompanied by my own views of their propriety. Practices are indulged in some Grand Lodges, which are denounced by others, and the question naturally arises, Who shall decide?

New York insists that a candidate should possess, besides the necessary mental and moral qualifications, physical perfection. Massachusetts and others, on the con-

trary, contend that certain physical defects oppose no barrier, provided they do not operate to the prejudice of gaining a livelihood, or of receiving the degrees. The former is for a rigid adherence to ancient usage, which says that "every person desiring admission, must also be upright in body, not deformed or dismembered, at the time of making; but of hale and entire limbs, as a *man* ought to be." The latter, on the score of expediency, deny the necessity of adhering to the letter of the law, especially since Masonry had changed from an operative, to a speculative character. A diversity of opinions exists in regard to jurisdiction; and complaints are very justly made, that Lodges admit candidates from other States without sanction. I have noticed an erroneous opinion, that a Lodge had not the right to expel a Mason for any offence, although perpetrated within its own jurisdiction, provided he was a member of another Lodge. A want of uniformity prevails in regard to Grand Lodge certificates, New York showing very conclusively their necessity, from the fact of her having so repeatedly to warn her sister Grand Lodges against clandestine Masons and imposters. One Grand Lodge sanctions innovation by permitting the Past Master's Degree to be conferred by her Subordinates.

It is generally conceded that expulsion from a Lodge excludes from the Chapter; but some Grand Lodges very improperly contends that expulsion from a Chapter, with the same propriety, excludes from the Lodge. I apprehend that no society would compel any of its members to sanction the proceedings of a meeting wherein they were not allowed to be present or participate; with what justice, then, could such a requirement be made of Masons under similar circumstances? They could not judge of the legality of the trial or verdict. One Grand Lodge resolves that in case of suspension, a two-third vote may reinstate; while another places the individual in the position of an

applicant for Masonry. The G. H. S. of the M. Degree is communicated to the E. A. in Saxony and Hamburg. Who could correct a similar abuse in this county? Two Grand Lodges have each incorporated in its bye-laws a new test oath—one in relation to the authenticity of the Bible, the other as to a state of future rewards and punishments—and in Prussia the *Jews* are rejected! All these innovations have been generally frowned upon.

An evil practice has obtained to some extent, that of publishing rejections. It is contrary to the spirit of Masonry to injure private character. An individual might be rejected by a Lodge—suppose on account of some physical defect, or mental disqualification that would not affect his character in society; would it not be cruel, to say the least, for Masonry to be instrumental in stamping suspicion upon him? Examples of inconsistency in practice need hardly be multiplied, in proof of the necessity of some regulating power.

I feel it my duty to call your attention to the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, which is deficient in detail, and not sufficient comprehensive in its provisions. On many important points, the present Constitution sheds but a feeble light for the government of the Subordinate Lodges; and they find very little benefit from it in drafting their bye-laws; so that it is not to be wondered that discrepances and improprieties exist. I would, therefore, respectfully recommend that a committee be appointed to take the subject into consideration, and report some plan for haing the constitution revised and amended during the recess of the Grand Lodge.

When the Constitution shall have been properly remoddled, so as to embrace all the essentials of Masonic government and regulations, it will supecede many of those resolutions concerning Lodge discipline which annually encumber the proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

At your last Communication, by recommendation of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, Bro. Philip T. Schley was duly recognized as Representative of this Grand Lodge near that Grand Body; and the courtesy was reciprocated by recommending Bro. P. D. G. M. Thos. Loring as their Representative near this Grand Lodge. A transcript of your proceedings were promptly forwarded to Georgia, together with the proper credentials, &c., but I regret to add, Bro. Loring is not apprised of having been recognized in return.

A communication has been received from Bro. Wm. H. Adams, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, accompanied by a beautiful copy of the M. W. G. M. Joseph R. Chandler's Addresses, during his annual visitations, which are worthy of his high reputation as a Mason and scholar. It is on the Grand Secretary's Desk.

While I would advocate the strictest economy in all legitimate expenditures of the Grand Lodge, I think a fair and reasonable compensation should not be withheld from those, who faithfully aud punctually perform the duties imposed upon them. Influenced by these considerations, I would respectfully recommend that the salary of the Grand Secretary, which is now a bare pittance, be increased in a ratio commensurate with the labors of his office.

I offer no apology for this extended address—for its recommendations, its criticisms or its censures; I have performed my duty according to my limited ability and the lights I enjoy, and have full confidence that your enlightened body will do the same. Whatever may be the result of our deliberations, whether for weal or for woe, let each individual, as he retires from this Hall, be able to lay his hand upon his heart and conscientiously say, I have neither done or left undone aught for which I can in justice reflect upon myself.

P. W. FANNING, G. M.

The Report of the Grand Lecturer was then read, and is as follows:

To the M. W. P. Fanning, G. M. of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of North Carolina:

SIR: On the receipt of your commission to me as General Grand Lecturer of the State of North Carolina, since the meeting of the M. W. Grand Lodge in December last, I prepared to enter on the discharge of the duties of the mission intrusted to me, according to my best ability. Being sensible, from experience and observation, that Masonry, in its present condition, required the united and persevering efforts of its friends to revive and build up the order, and to restore it to its original purity and perfection, it was not without some reluctance, originating in a sense of my own deficiencies, and the arduous nature of the task its duties would impose on me, that I consented to assume them. Impelled, however, by a sense of duty to the Fraternity, and the desire, if possible, to make myself useful to the order, all other considerations were waived by me, and the work commenced. It being however, late in the season, and an attack of a painful disorder compelling me to return prematurely to the North, I was able to accomplish but a small portion of the work contemplated, and which it was my intention to complete, as far as my abilities would permit. As far as that work has been accomplished, however, permit me, respectfully, to submit my report:

The latter part of March, notices were sent to several Lodges, of my intention to visit them on certain days, and requesting meetings of the Lodges to be called on those days, for that purpose. In due time I commenced my rounds, and visited Concord Lodge, No. 58, at Tarboro', Royal White Heart Lodge, No. 2, Halifax; Enfield Lodge, No. 88, Enfield; Morning Star Lodge, No 85,

Nashville; Orr Lodge, No. 104, Washington; Line Lodge, No. 87, Duplin Old Court House; Hiram Lodge, No. 98, Clinton, and Sharon Lodge, No. 78, Greenville. Besides the foregoing, I also made informal visits to St. John's Lodge, No. 96, Kinston, and Joseph Warren Lodge, No. 92, Stantonsburg. Thus, you perceive, my visits were extended, either formally or informally, to ten Lodges, when sickness compelled me to abandon the work.

It may be deemed invidious in me to discriminate among the Lodges, and yet, the duty I owe to the Grand Lodge, to the Subordinate Lodges, and to the Craft, will compel me to do so in a measure; while, at the same time, my only object in doing so, is, with the most kindly fraternal feelings towards the entire fraternity, to award the meed of praise where it is due, and to point out for correction, some of the abuses into which the brethren have, inadvertently no doubt, fallen during a long state of inaction and comparative adversity. It would indeed be strange, if, during the long period of adversity and consequent declension through which the craft has had to struggle, no abuses had crept in among us; and so far am I from indulging, or even entertaining a censorious spirit on account of such aberrations, that I think the brethren generally are entitled to great praise, for having even maintained their associate existence. The clouds of adversity have however been in a great measure dispersed—North and South, East and West. The building of the Masonic Temple has been recommenced with vigor—new workmen are daily crowding into our ranks—the tools and implements of the craft are wielded with renewed energy, and the Fraternity are rapidly regaining their former flourishing and prosperous condition. The present period then would appear to be most opportune, to correct all abuses and errors that may have occurred,

to remove the last vestige of accumulated rubbish from in and around the temple, and to prepare ourselves to prevent its accumulation in future. Pardon me; it is not my intention to dictate, but to suggest; and if any hint of mine on the subject may prove in the least beneficial, it will give me great pleasure.

Most of my notices were promptly responded to by the Lodges; and, in most cases, the brethren appeared eager to obtain Masonic information, as to the lectures and work of the M. W. Grand Lodge. It is not to be disguised, because it should be known, that the evil should be removed, that, in most instances which have come within my knowledge, but little of the Lectures were known; and in two or three instances, I have found Master and Wardens who had never heard a lecture. These defects have originated from the want of opportunities to obtain information, and of course are not matters for censure or reproof. In Concord Lodge, and Morning Star Lodge, permit me to observe, the brethren, and the officers in particular, were found well informed in the science of Masonry, and well qualified for the proper discharge of their various duties.

Of Orr Lodge, probably the same is true, as the Grand Lecturer for the district is one of its members, and is known as an accomplished Mason, devoted to the cause, and laboring with indefatigable perseverence to promote its prosperity; though strange to say, notwithstanding his valuable efforts, the Lodge has been, for some time, in a rather languishing condition. I lectured in all the Lodges of which meetings were called, and in some instances, spent several days for the purpose. In all, the brethren met me in open Lodge, except in Enfield and Orr. In general, the brethren manifest a firm attachment to the order, and life and activity in the cause; and it is believed that nothing is wanting to ensure complete success,

but that their zeal should be qualified with the requisite degree of Masonic knowledge, their action circumscribed by Masonic rules, and their energies put forth under Masonic auspices. In order that all this should be effected, permit me, respectfully, to state a few facts, and to throw out a few suggestions.

1. It is my impression that, in too many instances, sufficient precaution is not exercised as to the acceptation of candidates. Thus, too many persons find their way into the Order, who are destined to become a mere pest to the Fraternity, to fix a blemish on the fair fame of Masonry, and to disturb the peace and harmony of the Lodge. In my humble opinion, some definite rule of inquiry should be fixed by the Grand Lodge, requiring a more strict scrutiny than is now generally practiced; and that it should be rigidly enforced.

2. It is believed there is, in many Lodges, too much haste in passing candidates through the various degrees. Any reason, however trifling, is deemed a sufficient apology for conferring two, and even the three degrees at one meeting. Thus it happens that the *work* is hurried over in a bungling manner, little or no attempt is made at illustration, a feeble impression is left on the mind; no progress is made in the science; the candidate becomes a *Master*, entitled to wield the *Trowel*, before he has learned the use of even the *Compasses*. It is unnecessary for me to dwell on this subject, as every Mason knows that, before a candidate should be permitted to take the second step in Masonry, he should be able to advance from the first, worthy and well qualified. In my humble opinion, rules to ensure such a result, and such rules are required by our ancient Constitutions, should be rigidly enforced.

3. Some Lodges have been in the habit of drawing on their funds, till the whole have been expended, to pay the

expenses of public celebrations, including even the dinners of their members, and of invited guests. It is believed that this is an abuse which should never have existed. The funds of a Lodge constitute a deposite for the cause of charity. The entire Masonic funds of the Fraternity throughout the world, constitute one universal joint stock, on which, every Mason in distress, and his widow and orphans after him, has a claim not to be questioned. Each Lodge is therefore merely a trustee for this fund, and Masonically bound to hold it sacred for its legitimate purpose. What apology then has a Lodge to offer, when applied to for relief, which it cannot afford, because its charity fund has been expended in feasting, or for some other purpose equally remote from Masonic charity? It is believed that such abuse should be corrected wherever it may exist, and that every Lodge should be held strictly accountable to the Grand Lodge for the proper disposition of its funds.

4. An unmasonic practice which has been found to exist to too great an extent, is, to accept petitions, and to initiate candidates, without the payment of fees. The result has been ruinous. By this means, Lodge funds have been vested in individual promises, thousands of which have never been redeemed. By this means the cause of charity has suffered; in many instances the Grand Lodge has been deprived of its dues; and, in some instances within my knowledge, even valuable Lodge property has been advertised and sold for debts, less than one-fourth its value, or redeemed by some brother or brethren, to prevent the mortification and sacrifice which would have attended the sale.

In addition to the above, there does not appear to me to be felt that sense of responsibility to the Grand Lodge, and to each other, which should be felt by every Mason, as duties imposed on us by our sacred obligations as such.

Hence that manifest inattention in too many Lodges, to the mandates of the Grand Lodge, as respects representation, the payment of dues, and making returns. Hence also, though harmony appears generally to prevail in the Lodges, as such, yet Masonic principles seem to be too readily forgotten by many out of doors, where, in the capacities of men and citizens, they engage in bickering and strife, and enact scenes of hostility altogether unbecoming the Masonic character, and to the great scandal of our institution.

I repeat it; such abuses as I have detailed do exist, and to a great extent. I repeat too, however, that they have probably crept in in consequence of the absence of due vigilance during a season of unavoidable declension, and from the want of admonition and instruction. They nevertheless require removal. I have done all I could to that effect, in obedience to your instructions, and am persuaded it requires but a well directed effort of the Grand Lodge to effect a complete reform. With some few exceptions, I have found the Lodge records regularly kept. Wherever I have found them otherwise, the abuse has been pointed out, and reform promised. The Charter, Jewels, &c. of the Enfield Lodge, which were surrendered, have already been placed in your hands. The Lodge building, and the lot on which it stands, have been sold at auction for debt, and purchased by the late Master for about fourteen dollars. I am informed, however, that he will surrender it to the Grand Lodge, on payment of the above sum. The only dues collected by me, is ten dollars, the annual tax on the Line Lodge, for the year ending December, 1844. I should have stated, that no records were found in Enfield Lodge, of a date later than 1839; and that the Treasurer, Doctor Whitaker, reported it as his belief, that all other books and papers, includ-

ing notes due the Lodge, were in the hands of Mr. Gregory, formerly Master of the Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JACOB FRIEZE.

Wilmington, Nov. 20, A. L. 5845.

M. W. P. W. Fanning.

The following Standing Committees were appointed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master:

On Charters and Dispensations.—Bros. Loftin and Waltering.

On Communications from Grand Lodges and Miscellaneous Subjects.—Bros. T. Burr, Jr., William G. Hill and Duggan.

On Grand Treasurer's Accounts.—Bros. Thomas Loring and William Tunnell.

On Accounts and Claims against the Grand Lodge.—Bros. Wesley Hollister and W. W. Johnson.

On Returns from Subordinate Lodges.--Bros. Jas. A. McRae and C. W. D. Hutchings.

A letter was read from the late Grand Secretary, Bro. W. A. Harrison, when, on motion of Bro. T. Burr, Jr., it was

Resolved, That as soon as the said W. A. Harrison shall approach this Grand Lodge in a respectful manner, his request with regard to meeting the Investigating Committee, shall be complied with.

A communication from Mr. Robert Gray was presented and read, and on motion of Bro. Thomas Loring, it was referred to the Building Committee.

Resolved further, That Bro. T. J. Lemay be added thereto, so far as the tuition of children is concerned, and that they have discretionary power to comply with the latter part of the above communication referring to scholars, and report their proficiencies at the next session of this Grand Lodge.

The following Delegates asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session: Bros. B. B. Allen, W. R. Lee, D. Jones and W. D. West.

On motion of Bro. Thomas Loring, it was

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge elect its officers for the ensuing year, on Thursday evening next, the 4th instant.

The Grand Lodge then called off until to-morrow evening, Wednesday, the 3d instant, at half past six o'clock.

WILLIAM T. BAIN, Gr. Sec'y.

WEDNESDAY EVENING,
December 3, *A. D.* 1845, *A. L.* 5845.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

M. W. P. W. FANNING, G. M.
R. W. W. S. LANGDON, G. C., P. T.
" " W. W. JOHNSON, G. S. W., P. T.
" " T. BURR, G. J. W., P. T.
" " C. W. D. HUTCHINGS, G. T.
" " W. T. BAIN, G. S.
Bro. WILLIAM G. HILL, G. S. D., P. T.
" WILLIAM DUGGAN, G. J. D., P. T.
" W. HOLLISTER, G. M.
" JAS. A. McRAE, G. S. B., P. T.
" WILLIAM TUNNELL, G. P.
" R. W. ASHTON, G. T.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM SUBORDINATE LODGES:

Saint John's Lodge, No. 1. Wilmington—Bro. T. Burr, Jun'r.

Joseph Warren Lodge, No. 92, Stantonsburg—Bros. W. S. Duggan and William Tunnell.

Belmont Lodge, No. 108, Duplin County—Bro. L. R. Loftin.

Phœnix Lodge, No. 8, Fayetteville—Bro. J. A. McRae.

Hiram Lodge, No. 40, Raleigh—Bros. W. G. Hill, Wesley Hollister and W. W. Johnson.

University Lodge, No. 80, Chapel Hill—Bro. Jos. Waltering.

Perquimons Lodge, No. 106, Hertford—Bro. Jas. L. Freer.

VISITERS.

Bros. Amos Hays, Jos. T. Hunter and William F. Collins.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations made their report, which was adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

We, the undersigned Committee, to whom was referred the subject of granting Charters to St. John's Lodge, at Smithville, in the county of Brunswick; to Franklin Lodge, at Beaufort, in the county of Carteret, which have been working under dispensations from your body, beg leave to Report: That they have had the same under consideration, and recommend that Charters be granted to said Lodges. Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH WALTERING,
L. R. LOFTIN,
Committee.

The Committee on Grand Treasurer's Accounts made their report, which was adopted:

REPORT:

The Committee to whom was referred the Accounts of

the Grand Treasurer, Report that the following statement has been exhibited by him to them :

C. W. D. Hutchings, in account with the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

1844	DR.	
Dec. 7.	To amount on hand to settlement with Committee, per Report, including Royster's note,	$123 06
St. John's, No. 1, Wilmington,		10 00
Concord, No. 58, Tarboro',		10 00
St. John's, No. 96, Kinston,		10 00
Wake Forest, No. 97, Wake,		10 00
Morning Star, No. 85, Nashville,		10 00
Skewarkee, No. 90, Williamston,		10 00
Perquimons, No. 106, Hertford,		10 00
Hall, No. 53, Currituck,		20 00
Perseverance, No. 59, Plymouth,		10 00
Widow's Son, No. 75, Camden,		10 00
Joseph Warren, No. 92, Stantonsburg,		10 00
Star in the East, No. 103, Elizabeth City,		20 00
American George, No. 17, Murfresboro' 1838, 1830-'40-'41-'42-'43,		60 00
Hiram, No 98, Clinton,		10 00
Belmont, No. 108, Duplin,		10 00
King Solomon, No. 56, Northampton,		30 00
Hiram, No. 40, Raleigh,		10 00
Sharon, No. 78, Greenville,		48 00
Phalanx, No. 31, Charlotte,		10 00
Eagle, No. 71, Hillsboro',		10 00
Fellowship, No. 84, Smithfield,		10 00
Clinton, No. 107, Yanceyville,		20 00
Greensboro, No. 76, Guilford,		20 00
Royal White Heart, No. 2, Halifax,		20 00
Phœnix, No. 8, Fayetteville,		10 00
Charter to Belmont Lodge,		9 00

Amount of interest on Royster's note,	3 17
Amount received for Rent of Rooms,	108 50
	$651 73
Com. on $528 60,	26 43
	$625 30
Expenditures for current year, to Dec. 1, 1845,	373 50
	$251 80

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Cash Paid Thos. Loring, Vo. 1.	124 12
" " R. W. Ashton, vo. 2,	31 50
" " Grimme, vo. 3,	12 10
" " R. & E. vo. 4,	1 30
" " Turner & Hughes, vo. 5,	1 50
" " " " vo. 6,	1 00
" " Grand Secretary, postage,	7 00
" " T. Loring, vo. 7,	75 00
" " City Tax on Hall,	6 00
" " State and County Tax,	2 48
" " Insurance,	25 00
" " Messrs. Buck & Gray, per order of D. G. Master, per tuition of Boys at School,	30 00
Cash Paid for repairs to door and lock and gates to alley,	6 50
Cash Paid to Grand Secretary,	30 00
" " per order of G. Master to R. W. Ashton, on Painting of Building,	20 00
	$373 50

We find the vouchers for the expenditures recorded to be correct. There was on hand on settlement with the Committee at last Communication, $123 06. The receipts for the past year were $528 60, and the expenditures for the same period, $373 50, which, with a charge of 5 per cent. commission on $528 60, leaves a balance

of $246 73, now in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, subject to the order of this Worshipful Grand Lodge.

The Committee beg leave to state on this occasion, the pleasure they experienced in the examination of the Lodge accounts, to find your Treasurer worthy and well qualified in talents and integrity for the office he so ably and faithfully fills.

T. LORING,
WILLIAM TUNNELL,

The respective Committees on Grand Lodges and Miscellaneous Subjects, Accounts and Claims against the Grand Lodge, and Returns and Communications from Subordinate Lodges, asked and obtained farther time to make their reports.

A communication from Bro. W. A. Harrison, late Grand Secretary, was read, upon which, on motion of Bro. Hutchings, a committee consisting of Bros. W. W. Johnson, Thomas Loring and William Tunnell, was appointed by the Grand Master to confer with him relative to the settlement of his accounts with the Grand Lodge agreeably to his request.

A petition from the Master, Wardens, &c. of Skewarkee Lodge, No. 90, praying for authority to hold their meetings alternately at two separate places, several miles apart, was read, and decided by the Most Worshipful Grand Master to be contrary to Masonic usage and an express decision of this Grand Lodge, and therefore inadmissible.

Two communications from Saint John's Lodge, No. 1, Wilmington, relative to a rejection and expulsion, were read by the Grand Secretary, and the proper disposition made of them.

The Grand Master informed the Grand Lodge, that the Grand Secretary had, with much labor, prepared a list of its six principal Grand Officers from the year 1787, to

the present time, which he thought a most valuable document to the Masonic Fraternity in particular; whereupon, on motion of Bro. Hutchings, it was ordered to be published with the proceedings.

Agreeably to a Resolution of last evening, the Most Worshipful Grand Master referred the several portions of his Communication to the following Committees, viz:

1st. On that portion relative to the death of Bro. Thos. S. Clarke, to Bros. Hutchings and Burr.

2d. On those portions relating to Grand Lodges, the National Convention, and the establishment of a General Grand Lodge, to the Committee on Communications from Grand Lodges.

3d. On that portion embracing the subjects of Grand Lecturer and Subordinate Lodges, to Bros. Lemay, Loring and J. L. Freer.

4th. On the matter between St. John's Lodge, No. 1, and Hiram Lodge, No. 98, to Bros. Duggan and McRae.

5th. On that portion relative to Education, to Bros. Lemay and Hutchings.

6th. On that portion relative to amending the Constitution, to Bros. McRae and Bain.

7th. On the presentation of Bro. Chandler's Address, to the Grand Secretary.

8th. On Grand Secretary's Salary, to the Committee on Claims.

No other business appearing, the Grand Lodge called off from labor to refreshment until to-morrow evening, Thursday, at 3 o'clock.

WILLIAM T. BAIN, Gr. Sec'y.

THURSDAY EVENING, 3 O'CLOCK.

December 4, *A. D.* 1845, *A. L.* 5845.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

W. M. P. W. FANNING, G. M.
" " T. P. RICAND, G. C., P. T.
" " W. W. JOHNSON, G. S. W., P. T.
" " JAS. L. FREER, G. J. W., P. T.
" " C. W. D. HUTCHINGS, G. T.
" " W. T. BAIN, G. S.
Bro. WM. G. HILL, G. S, D., P. T.
" WILLIAM DUGGAN, G. J. D., P. T.
" W. HOLLISTER, G. P.
" WILLIAM TUNNELL, G. M., P. T.
" JAS. A. McRAE, G. S. B., P. T.
" RICHARD W. ASHTON, G. S. and T.

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Phœnix Lodge, No. 8, Fayetteville—Bro. Jas. A. McRae.

Joseph Warren Lodge, No. 92, Stantonsburg—Bros. William Duggan and William Tunnell.

Hiram Lodge, No. 40, Raleigh—Bro's. W. G. Hill, W. Hollister and W. W. Johnson.

Phalanx Lodge, No. 31, Charlotte—Bro. William T. Bain.

Perseverence Lodge, No. 59, Plymouth—Bro. T. P. Ricand.

Charity Lodge, No. 79, Windsor—Bro. T. P. Ricand.

Franklin, (by dispensation,) Beaufort—Bro. T. P. Ricand.

Perquimons Lodge, No. 106, Hertford—Bro. Jas. L. Freer.

VISITERS:

Bros. Jos. T. Hunter, W. S. Langdon.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

On motion of Bro. Hutchings, Bro. Ricand was invited

to a seat, as Representative of Franklin Lodge, Beaufort, now working under a dispensation.

The Committee on Grand Lodges and Miscellaneous Subjects, asked and obtained farther time to report.

Bro. T. P. Ricand was added to the Committee on Grand Lodges and Miscellaneous Subjects.

The Committee on Claims against the Grand Lodge made their report, which was adopted:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Master and Wardens of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The undersigned, Committee on Claims against this Grand Lodge, respectfully beg leave to Report: That they have had presented to their notice the following claims, to-wit:

Weston R. Gales, for printing,	$6 00
Bro. Thos. Loring, "	2 00
Bro. Wm. T. Bain, Grand Secretary, for recording the proceedings of this Grand Lodge for the years 1840,-'41-'42-'43,	60 00

It appears that the late Grand Secretary was paid for performing that duty, but failed to accomplish it. Brother Bain has carefully arranged, and in a superior manner recorded all the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, for the four years; a task both difficult and tedious; for which he merits the thanks of the Grand Lodge. And believing the labor performed to be intrinsically worth much more than is claimed, your Committee recommend the account be allowed.

Brother Richard W. Ashton, for Painting this Grand Lodge Building,	$154 00

From what light has been obtained, it would seem that the Grand Lodge as a body, had not been consulted about the propriety of this expenditure; and the opinion is entertained, that expenditures of such magnitude should not be allowed without their consent. And if the present

should pass without notice, as a precedent, and the practice hereafter tolerated, it may lead to results the most ruinous. But as this irregularity did not take place under the direction of the present administration, and it appearing from the accounts presented that this Lodge has received in materials and labor that amount, exclusive of any service that Brother Ashton himself may have rendered; and believing that no one would desire that a worthy Brother should suffer for that which has been appropriated for the benefit of the Lodge alone, as in the present instance, your Committee do recommend the amount be paid, so far as satisfactory vouchers may be produced, and placed in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, showing that those expenditures were for the benefit of this Lodge. And your Committee are constrained to express the hope, that a recurrence of similar irregularities will be in future avoided.

All of which is most respectfully submitted,

WESLEY HOLLISTER,
WILEY W. JOHNSON,

December 4th, 1845. Committee.

The Committee on Returns and Communications from Subordinate Lodges, made their Report, which was concurred in:

The Committee on Returns and Communications from Subordinate Lodges, beg leave to

REPORT:

That they have found on examination, that the following Lodges have made their returns and paid their dues, with a few exceptions:

St. John's Lodge, No. 1, Wilmington, paid dues 1845,	$10
Phœnix, No. 8, Fayetteville, 1844,	10
American George, No. 17, Murfresboro', 1844-'45,	20
Hiram, No. 40, Raleigh, 1845,	10
Perseverence, No. 59, Plymouth, 1845,	10

Eagle, No. 71, Hillsboro—Returns.	
Greensboro', No. 76, Guilford, 1845,	10
Charity, No. 79, Windsor, 1844-'45,	20
University, No. 80, Chapel Hill, 1843-'44-'45,	30
Fellowship, No. 84, Smithfield, 1845,	10
Morning Star, No. 85, Nashville, 1845,	10
Skewarkee, No. 90, Williamston, 1845,	10
Joseph Warren, No. 92, Stantonsburg, 1845,	10
Saint John's No. 96, Kinston, 1845,	10
Wake Forest, No. 97, Wake, 1845,	10
Columbus, No. 102—Returns only.	
Perquimons, No. 106, Hertford, 1845,	10
Belmont, No. 108, Duplin County, 1845,	10
Phalanx, No. 31, Charlotte, 1845,	10
Franklin, No. 109, Beaufort—Returns.	
Concord, No. 58, Tarboro',	10
Star in the East, No. 103, Elizabeth City, 1845,	10
Orr Lodge, No. 104, Washington, received from Bro. Stone, on account of dues,	20

The Committee recommend to the Grand Lodge, the confirming of the proceedings of Saint John's Lodge, No. 1, Wilmington, relative to the trial and expulsion of Elijah Dickerson, from all the rights and benefits of Masonry.

The Committee also recommend, that the Subordinate Lodges send to this Grand Lodge the names of all Masons residing in the vicinity of their Lodges, who may not be members; but their names will not be published with those returned as members.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. McRAE,
C. W. D. HUTCHINGS,
Committee.

The Committee on the Grand Secretary's Salary, made their report, which was adopted:

To the Right Worshipful Master and Wardens of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The undersigned Committee, to whom has been referred the subject of the compensation of the Grand Secretary, beg leave to

REPORT:

That they have had the same under consideration, and after examining into the several and important duties expected of him, your Committee are convinced that the present compensation is entirely inadequate; and where the labor has been properly performed, it has been mostly done at the expense of the incumbent.

Besides attending upon the Grand Lodge during the Communication, which in most cases requires labor night and day equal to the present entire yearly compensation, there is the great labor of recording the proceedings. And again—of preparing the Reports and attending to their printing, and through the entire year to attend to correspondents and furnish information to other Grand Lodges, and the different Subordinate Lodges; altogether requiring duties of no ordinary nature; and it can only be successfully accomplished, by devoting much time to that object. Your Committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That after the present Grand Communication, the Grand Secretary be paid for his services the sum of seventy-five dollars, annually; and all resolutions on the subject conflicting with this, are hereby rescinded.

WESLEY HOLLISTER,
W. W. JOHNSON,
Committee.

The Committee on the death of Bro. Thos. S. Clarke, made their report, which was adopted:

The Committee to whom was referred that portion of the M. W. G. Master's Communication, relative to the

death of the late Thomas S. Clarke, Senior Warden of this Grand Lodge, ask leave to submit the following resolutions:

Whereas, we have been informed of the death of Bro. Thomas S. Clarke, the very worthy Grand Senior Warden of this Grand Lodge; therefore

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the State of North Carolina very sensibly feel the loss of Bro. Clarke, and now express their profound regret and unaffected sorrow at this afflicting bereavement—that in his death Masonry in general, and this body in particular, have lost one of its brightest ornaments, and society one of its most virtuous and useful members. And as a further testimony of respect for the memory of the deceased, it is farther

Resolved, That the Members of this Grand Body do wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days, and also that the several Subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction be requested (on receiving these proceedings,) to adopt the usual testimony of respect.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary transmit a copy of these Resolutions to the Secretary of St. John's Lodge, No. 96, Kinston, and to the relatives of the deceased.

C. W. D. HUTCHINGS, Ch'man.

The Committee on the matter between Saint John's Lodge, No. 1, and Hiram Lodge, No. 98, made their report, which was concurred in:

We, the Committee to whom was referred the fourth section of the Grand Master's Address, relative to the difficulty existing between St. John's Lodge, No. 1, and Hiram Lodge, No. 98, Clinton, Beg leave to Report: That we fully concur in the views therein set forth, and recommend to this Grand Lodge to cause the fees to be handed over to St. John's, No. 1. And the Committee furthermore recommend the following resolutions to your consideration:

Resolved, That the Resolution of this Grand Lodge in regard to the irregularity of Lodges admitting rejected candidates, adopted in 1828, be rescinded, and that the following be substituted in lieu thereof, viz:

Resolved, That no Lodge, working under authority of this Grand Lodge, be allowed to admit a candidate applying from another jurisdiction, either within this or any other State, and whether he be rejected or not, without first obtaing the consent of such nearer Lodge, or from the Grand Lodge of the State from which he hails.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAS. A. MACRAE,
WILLIAM S. DUGGAN,
Committee.

A letter from Fulton Lodge, No. 99, Salisbury, was read, and referred to the Committee on Subordinate Lodges.

The Grand Lodge called off until this evening, at half past six o'clock.

WILLIAM T. BAIN, Gr. Sec'y.

THURSDAY EVENING,
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Charity Lodge, No. 79, Windsor—Bro. T. P. Ricand.

Franklin, (dispensation) Beaufort—Bro. T. P. Ricand.

Phœnix Lodge, No. 8, Fayetteville—Bro. J. A. McRae.

Joseph Warren Lodge, No. 92, Stantonsburg—Bros. W. S. Duggan and William Tunnell.

Hiram Lodge, No. 40, Raleigh—Bros. W. G. Hill, Wesley Hollister and W. W. Johnson.

Perquimons Lodge, No. 106, Hertford—Bro. Jas. L. Freer.

University Lodge, No. 80, Chapel Hill—Bro. Jos. Waltering.

Fellowship Lodge, No. 84, Smithfield—Bro. Dun. McPherson.

VISITERS.

Bros. William F. Collins and Joseph T. Hunter.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

In pursuance with a Resolution adopted on the evening of the 2d instant, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of its officers for the ensuing year, which resulted in the choice of the following brethren:

Bro. P. W. FANNING, Grand Master,
" WILEY W. JOHNSON, G. S. Warden,
" TALCOTT BURR, Jr.. G. J. Warden,
" C. W. D. HUTCHINGS, G. Treasurer,
" WILLIAM T. BAIN, G. Secretary.

On motion of Bro. Hutchings, a Committee was appointed, consisting of Bros. McRae, Ricand and Hutchings, to wait on some Past Master, for the purpose of procuring his services to instal the Officers elect.

The following Resolution was submitted by Bro. Hollister, and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That hereafter, the Grand Tyler be paid four dollars per day for his services, and that he be permitted to employ an assistant, that will be acceptable to this Grand Lodge; and that all former Resolutions conflicting with this be hereby repealed.

Bro. Hutchings submitted the following Preamble and Resolutions, which were adopted unanimously:

Whereas, the Supreme Architect of the Universe, in the exercise of a mysterious and inscrutable Providence, has removed from among us our Brother, William W. Cherry, Past Grand Senior Warden of this Grand Lodge; therefore

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of North Carolina have heard with deep regret and unfeigned sorrow, of the demise of their worthy and esteemed Brother, William W. Cherry, of the County of Bertie, and that this body sincerely sympathize with his afflicted family in their bereavement.

Resolved, That as an additional evidence of respect for the memory of our deceased Brother, the Members Grand Lodge will wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

Resolved further, That a copy of these proceedings be transmitted by the Grand Secretary to the family of the deceased brother, accompanied with the best wishes of each and every member of this body, for their future happiness and prosperity.

The Committee on Subordinate Lodges, to whom was

referred an informal petition from Fulton Lodge, No. 99, Salisbury, made their report, which was concurred in.

The Committee on Subordinate Lodges, to whom was referred the Communication from Salisbury, beg leave to

REPORT:

They have had the matter under serious consideration, and recommend that the same be handed to the W. Grand Master, with discriminating power.

All of which is most respectfully submitted by your Committee.

JAMES A. McRAE,
C. W. D. HUTCHINGS,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Jewels surrendered by Enfield Lodge, No. 88, in the Town of Enfield, be loaned to Franklin Lodge, No. 109, in the Town of Beaufort, in the County of Carteret, to be returned when called for by the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge then called off from labor to refreshment until to-morrow evening, Friday, at 3 o'clock.

WILLIAM T. BAIN, Gr. Sec'y.

FRIDAY EVENING, 3 O'CLOCK.

December 5, *A. D.* 1845, *A. L.* 5845.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

M. W. P. W. FANNING, G. M.
R. W. and Rev. Bro. T. J. LEMAY, G. C.
" " T. P. RICAND, G. S. W., P. T.
" " JAS. L. FREER, G. J. W., P. T.
" " C. W. D. HUTCHINGS, G. T.
" " W. T. BAIN, G. S.

Bro. WM. G. HILL, G. S, D., P. T.
" WILLIAM DUGGAN, G. J. D., P. T.
" JOSEPH WALTERING, G. P., P. T.
" DUNCAN McPHERSON, G. M. P. T.
" JAS. A. McRAE, G. S. B., P. T.
" RICHARD W. ASHTON, G. S. and T.

VISITER:

Bro. Rev. W. S. Langdon.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master presented the following Communication, which was read and adopted:

Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

Since my Communication to your honorable, at the early part of the session, advising the postponement of farther action in regard to a Seminary of Learning, I have been constrained to change my views in relation to that important subject, in consequence of very interesting and cheering information that has come to my knowledge.

I would therefore recommend that the whole subject be revived, and that this communication be committed to the Committee having that matter in charge, with a view to their making a report in consonance therewith.

P. W. FANNING, G. M.

The Committee on the subject of the Grand Lecturer and Subordinate Lodges, made their Report, which was adopted, and the Resolutions accompanying the same were, on motion, taken up separately and adopted:

The Committee on so much of the Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Master, as relates to the General Grand Lecturer, and the hopeless situation of many of our Lodges, ask leave to

REPORT:

That after due consideration of the subjects more directly referred to them, they cordially concur with the

Grand Master in the opinion that a General Grand Lecturer should be appointed, to proceed without delay, to visit and lecture all the Lodges under your jurisdiction; and that he should be paid for his services out of the funds of the Grand Lodge; and for the purpose of ensuring the means of meeting such a demand upon the Grand Treasury, and of making the burthens of the respective Lodges more just and equal, the Committee further recommend the adoption of the plan proposed by the M. W. Grand Master. They also approve his suggestion in regard to the management of the property forfeited to the Grand Lodge.

There are other important matters contained in the papers referred to them, upon which the Committee have not had time to bestow that deliberation which their importance demands, to wit: the precaution necessary in accepting candidates, the too great haste which is often practised in passing candidates through the various degrees, the improper using of the funds of Lodges to pay the expenses of public celebrations, the unmasonic practice of accepting petitions and initiating candidates without the payment of fees, the manifest want of regard for the authority of the Grand Lodge, exhibited by some Lodges, and the lack of that attention to the interests and welfare of each other, which is often witnessed among certain members of the fraternity; and as this Communication is expected to be closed before they could properly digest the same, they ask to be discharged from their further consideration, and recommend the adoption of the subjoined resolutions.

THOS. LORING,
THOS. J. LEMAY,
JAS. L. FREER,
Committee.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the General

Grand Lecturer, to be appointed by the Grand Master, to visit, lecture and instruct all the Subordinate Lodges in the State, and to attend to such other requirements as may be imposed upon him by this body, or the Most Worshipful Grand Master thereof.

Resolved, That the General Grand Lecturer shall receive an annual salary of five hundred dollars, to be paid upon the warrant of the M. W. Grand Master, out of any monies in the Grand Treasury, not otherwise appropriated.

Resolved, That the resolution of 1838, in regard to the annual dues of Subordinate Lodges, is hereby rescinded; and that hereafter, all the Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, shall be required to pay, annually, into the Grand Treasury, one dollar for each regular member of said Lodge, and the same for each initiation: *Provided*, that no Lodge shall be required to pay for both initiation and membership for any one individual, at one and the same time.

Resolved, That the Most Worshipful Grand Master shall have power, at his discretion, to sell, lease or rent any property that may be forfeited to the Grand Lodge; and to adjust the dues of delinquent Lodges in the recess, in such manner as, in his opinion, may best advance the interests of the cause of Masonry in the State.

The Committee on Foreign Communications made their report, which was read and adopted:

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to whom was referred the Reports of the Proceedings of the following Grand Lodges in the several States and Territories, to wit: Maine, New Hampshire, Connecticut, New York, Maryland, Virginia, Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Missouri, Michigan, Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, Texas, together with the Journal of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, a Masonic

Address delivered in Lebanon Lodge, No 98, Tennessee, and a copy of the American Masonic Register, a periodical devoted to Masonry and Literature, have had the same under their attentive consideration, and beg leave respectfully to

REPORT:

That the information contained in these valuable documents, is of a varied pleasing character. It is a pleasant thing for the mind, as it were, to withdraw itself at stated intervals from the asperities and corroding influences of the world, and marking out for itself a higher and nobler aim, concentrate all its energies for the attainment of its holy mission. We look upon the hours devoted to the advancement and practice of the true principles of our time honored institution, as not wholly lost, or idly or unprofitably spent, but rather as bearing on their wings the evidences of good, and we are free to confess, that we do not envy the feelings of those *Professors*, who for trifling expedients, neglect exalted duties. Your committee greatly regret, that the very limited time assigned them for the task, has prevented that copious and clear exhibition of the operations of other Grand Lodges, which it was their *wish* as well as *duty* to have given. They are consoled however in their unavoidable delinquency, by the very full and comprehensive Report of the Grand Master, who with laudable zeal and fidelity, has travelled over the whole ground, and selected from the documents, most of their valuable matter. It will be their object then, upon the present occasion, merely to give an abstract of the business performed, and advance such suggestions and resolutions as may properly present themselves.

Your Committee regret the diversity of opinion that exists, and as set forth in the proceedings of the several Grand Lodges, involving Masonic usages and principles,

and would beg leave to refer to the views of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, as set forth in his address, as fully expressing our own. The Grand Lodge of New York very properly alludes to the precipitancy and irregularity of many Lodges in conferring the degrees of our order, and expresses in positive terms its condemnation; all of which, (excepting extreme emergent cases) meets with our cordial approbation.

Under date of Calcutta, Jan. 1, 1845, we received from Bro. G. H. Teulon, of the Republic of Texas, now a resident of Calcutta, a communication containing an extract from an official communication made to him as representative of that Republic, from the Grand Lodge of Bengal. It is truly pleasant to witness the existence of true Masonic feeling in brothers, who are removed from us at so great distances, and strangers, in language, in government, in manners and customs; but *one* by the universal tie of Masonry.

"In reply, I am desired to express to you, and through you to the fraternity in America whom you represent, in behalf of himself and of the craft in Bengal, the great satisfaction it has afforded the Off. Pro. Deputy Grand Master, to receive their brotherly greeting; and to assure them of the Masonic feeling with which we reciprocate their courtesy. It will at all times afford the Off. Pro. Deputy Grand Master pleasure to establish, as proposed by you, a correspondence between the Grand Lodges in America, and the District Grand Lodge of Bengal.

(Signed) J. J. L. HOFF,
Grand Secretary of the G. L. of Bengal."

In regard to the appointment of Delegates to the Convention at Winchester, Va. we think it would be as well to submit that appointment to the Most Worshipful Grand Master by Resolution.

Resolved, That the M. W. G. M. be requested to attend

in person said Convention, if convenient; otherwise, that he appoint some suitable person.

The attention of the Committee has been called to the propriety of a General Grand Lodge, as having been proposed by several Grand Lodges, and as set forth in the address of our M. W. G. M. with whose views we fully agree. We would propose the adoption of the plan as presented by the Grand Lodge of Maryland, and suggest the importance of immediate action on the part of this Grand Lodge, to secure a suitable representative, in the person of our M. W. G. Master.

The Committee have had before them the subject of a Masonic Census, that is, to ascertain the number of Masons holding membership in the Subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, together with all transient brethren. Your Committee are aware of the difficulties that will naturally arise in the accomplishment of this object, but feeling confident of success, would suggest the propriety of adopting the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, be, and are hereby required to forward, in connection with their annual returns, a list of the names of all transient brethren, residing within their jurisdiction, and that the Grand Secretary keep a record of said names, not to be published.

The attention of your Committee has been called to consider the importance of Grand Lodge certificates, as alluded to in the Address of our Most Worshipful Grand Master: They would urge the necessity of a provision being made for the convenience and benefit of the members of all Subordinate Lodges within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

Therefore Resolved, That the Grand Secretary, under the direction of the Most Worshipful Grand Master,

have printed a suitable number of Grand Lodge certificates in proper form, to be furnished to the Subordinate Lodges in such quantities as may be required, at 50 cents a piece; one half of which amount shall be as a fee for the Grand Secretary, and the other half as funds of the Grand Lodge.

Resolved further, That all conflicting Resolutions be, and are hereby rescinded.

If time permitted, we might extend this report much further, but we must here come to a close, regretting that unavoidable circumstances prevented further attention to the various points of Masonic interest, that were before us, and which afford abundant proof that the pillars of Masonry stand firm and erect, and give earnest to the world that the edifice which they support, has stood, and will stand, throughout all time, against the storms of prejudice, and the attacks of bigotry; an asylum for the noble and the good of every nation, and of every clime.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

T. P. RICAND,
T. BURR, Jr.
WILLIAM G. HILL,
WILLIAM DUGGAN.

Bro. James A. McRae, representative from Phœnix Lodge, No. 8, introduced the following extract from the minutes of that lodge:

Resolved, That our Delegate to the Grand Lodge be requested to bring to their notice the propriety of holding their meetings at the four principal towns of the State, alternately, that is to say, biennially at Raleigh, and biennially at the other three towns, alternately.

From the Minutes,

A. W. CAMPBELL, Gr. Sec'ry.

Bro. McRae, agreeably to the request of the Lodge represented by him, introduced the following Resolution,

which was laid over till the next Communication of this Grand Lodge:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge, in future, hold its sessions biennally in the City of Raleigh; that is to say, every year of the meeting of the Legislature, and every year thereafter, alternately, at the towns of Fayetteville, Wilmington, and Newbern, as shall be duly notified by order of the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

On motion of Bro. McPherson, it was

Resolved, That after retaining three copies of the Masonic Trestle Board for the use of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Secretary be authorized to dispose of the balance to the Subordinate Lodges applying for the same, at cost.

The Grand Lodge called off from labor to refreshment until this evening, at half past six o'clock.

WILLIAM T. BAIN, Gr. Sec'y.

FRIDAY EVENING, HALF PAST 6 O'CLOCK.

December 5, *A. D.* 1845, *A. L.* 5845.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

M. W. P. W. FANNING, G. M.
R. W. THOMAS LORING, P. D. G. M.
R. W. and Rev. Bro. T. J. LEMAY, G. C.
" " W. W. JOHNSON, G. S. W., P. T.
" " JAS. L. FREER, G. J. W., P. T.
" " C. W. D. HUTCHINGS, G. T.
" " W. T. BAIN, G. S.
Bro. WM. G. HILL, G. S. D., P. T.
" WILLIAM DUGGAN, G. J. D., P. T.
" WILLIAM TUNNELL, G. P., P. T.

" DUNCAN McPHERSON, G. M. P. T.
" JAS. A. McRAE, G. S. B., P. T.
" RICHARD W. ASHTON, G. S. and T.

VISITERS.

Bros. Hunter, DeCarteret, Scott, Litchford, Rev. W. S. Langdon, Waltering, Rev. T. P. Ricand, Grimme, and Bro. William A. Harrison, Past Grand Secretary.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to the installation of the Officers for the ensuing year, when the following brethren were duly installed, by Bro. Thomas Loring, Past Deputy Grand Master, whose services were procured for that purpose:

Bro. P. W. FANNING, Grand Master,
" WILEY W. JOHNSON, G. S. Warden,
Bro. JAS. L. FREER, installed as proxy for
" TALCOTT BURR, Jr., G. J. Warden,
" C. W. D. HUTCHINGS, G. Treasurer,
" WILLIAM T. BAIN, G. Secretary.

The following appointments were then made by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, for the ensuing year.

R. W. THOMAS LORING, Dep. Grand Master.

GRAND CHAPLAINS:

R. W. & Rev. Bro. WM. M. GREEN, Chapel Hill,
" " THOS. J. LEMAY, Raleigh,
" " A. PAUL REPETON, Wilmington,
" " J. SHEPARD, New Hanover.
" " JACOB FRIEZE, General Grand Lecturer, Wilmington.

DISTRICT GRAND LECTURERS:

1. Bro. JAS. L. FREER, of Hertford,
2. " JNO. S. HAWKES, Washington,
3. " JOHN H. DRAKE, Nash,
4. " HENRY K. NASH, Orange,
5. " ALFRED MARTIN, Wilmington,
6. " J. W. OSBORNE, Charlotte,

7. " WILLIAM F. COLLINS, Raleigh.
Bro. WILLIAM G. HILL, Raleigh, G. S. D.
" WILLIAM DUGGAN, Stantonsburg, G. J. D.
" JAS. A. McRAE, G. M.
" L. R. LOFTIN, G. S. B.
" W. HOLLISTER, Raleigh, G. P.
" R. W. ASHTON, G. T.

The Committee on the Revision of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, made their report, which was accepted:

The Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's Communication, in relation to the revision of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, have had the same under consideration, and submit the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Master be requested, during the recess of this Grand Lodge, to prepare a Constitution, to be submitted at the next Communication of this Body.

JAMES A. McRAE,
WILLIAM T. BAIN,
Committee.

Bro. Thomas Loring, from the Committee on the settlement of Bro. W. A. Harrison's Accounts, with the Grand Lodge, made a report, and it was resolved, that the accounts of Bro. Harrison be balanced, on the payment on his part of the sum of twenty-five dollars, ($25.)

Report of Committee on Accounts of Grand Secretary:

The Committee to whom was referred the settlement of the accounts of the former Grand Secretary, Bro. Wm. A. Harrison, beg leave to

REPORT:

That so far as they can obtain vouchers and receipts, there has been received by him, for the year 1843, $230, and there has been paid for the same time, $238 75, leaving a balance due him, of $8 75 cents.

There is a charge by Bro. Harrison of $42 70, which he states that he has paid to Mr. Frazier, in part payment for painting, not included in the above estimate.

There is also believed to be a charge against Bro. Harrison, which he does not deny, of an unknown sum received from Hiram Lodge, No. 98, Clinton. It is supposed to be $30 or $40, which can be ascertained only by application to that Lodge.

The Grand Lodge has a charge against Bro. Harrison for $60, paid Br. Bain for bringing up the Records of the Lodge. He is willing to allow $42 70 cents, and that only on condition that the amount paid Mr. Frazier, be allowed him.

Brother Harrison states, that he is willing to pay any balance that may be found due, by him, after the same has been ascertained.

The Committee content themselves with stating the facts, and the progress they have made, and respectfully wait the action of the Grand Lodge.

THOS. LORING,
WILEY W. JOHNSON,
WILLIAM TUNNELL.

Dec. 5, 1845.

The Grand Secretary, who had been appointed the Committee on the presentation of Bro. Chandler's Addresses, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to offer the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the acknowledgments of this body are due to the M. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, for the beautiful copy of Bro. Chandler's Addresses, presented through their Grand Secretary.

Bro. Thomas J. Lemay, from the Select Committee on Education, submitted the following Report, which was adopted:

REPORT:

Of the Committee on Education, to the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, Dec. 5, 1845:

The Committee on Education, to whom was referred so much of the Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Master as relates to the scheme for establishing a Charity School by this Grand Lodge, and to the duty of Subordinate Lodges in regard to the education of poor children within the limits of their jurisdiction, have had the same under consideration, and respectfully report:

1st. In regard to the North Carolina Masonic Charity School, that it is a matter much to be regretted, that nothing has been done, during the past year, to further this great and noble object. This, however, is no cause of discouragement; it can only retard, not prevent, ultimate success. The benign and benevolent institution proposed to be established, is too important, opens too wide a field for the useful operation of the distinguishing principle of Masonry, and promises too rich a harvest of glory and substantial benefits to our venerable order, to be abandoned for any, much less for light and transient causes." And it is a matter of heartfelt gratulation, that there is no necessity for even the temporary suspension of efforts to provide the means of carrying it into execution, suggested in the first communication of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, that able and vigilant officer, from information received subsequent to its delivery, having been convinced, that continued, persevering and judicious efforts, must be finally crowned with success.

The great object to be accomplished—the education of the poor—meets a hearty response in the bosom of every worthy member of the Fraternity; and the objections raised by some to the proposed plan of aiding in this important and interesting "labor of love," from a misapprehension of the means by which it is to be put in opera-

tion, and the principles upon which it is to be conducted, are vanishing away, like mist before the rising sun. Many who at first opposed it, from this misapprehension, are now among its warmest advocates; and it is believed, that when the matter shall be well understood by all, every Subordinate Lodge in the State will not only approve, but give their cordial co-operation in the work.

There is no reason to the contrary to be found in any of the principles of justice or generosity which govern the actions of individuals or associations. The Grand Lodge proposes to make no application of the funds raised for other purposes to this object—to appropriate to it not a cent of the surplus funds (if it had any, but it has none) raised by dues from Subordinate Lodges, without their consent—to levy no contributions, to exact no dues for its establishment or support from the Subordinate Lodges. Whatever may be done by Lodges or individuals, is to be like the participation in the feast of Ahasuerus, without compulsion—a purely voluntary offering--that the luxury of a willing and disinterested benevolence may by all be enjoyed. The simple proposition is, to raise by subscription, a fund sufficient to establish a Seminary of Learning, under the direction of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, in which may be educated, free from charge, such poor and destitute orphans and children of living brother Masons, who have not the means to confer this benefit upon their offspring, as may be selected for the purpose, from among those who reside within the territorial limits of the respective Lodges throughout the State. The question, then, need not be asked, who is opposed to such a scheme? for none can oppose it; but who shall win the imperishable reward of giving to it the warmest, most liberal and efficient support?

2ndly. The next branch of the subject, which claims the attention of your Committee, is the education of the

poor by the Subordinate Lodges. This is of no less importance than that which has already been considered; and since it is shown that the duty will not conflict in the least with the design of the Grand Lodge, which proposes to absorb none of their funds, the Committee feel the more free to express their entire concurrence with the views of the Most Worshipful Grand Master on the subject, and to recommend that it be earnestly urged upon all the Lodges under your jurisdiction, to carry out promptly and faithfully the measures recommended. All that is necessary to be said on the importance of moral and intellectual culture, is expressed in his impressive and comprehensive remarks; and the plan of aiding in this important work is also sufficiently indicated.

Let the general institution proposed by the Grand Lodge be established; let the Subordinate Lodges apply their funds and energies to the instruction of youth within their respective districts; let each one strive to show, which, according to its ability, can do the most; let the local send scholars to the general institution; and that they send out teachers to them in return; and it must be obvious to all, that so far from conflicting, they may move on harmoniously and benignly in their respective spheres, as the orbs of heaven, reflecting light and imparting strength and beauty to each other, and conferring incalculable benefits upon the world.

It is true, the "times" are rather unpropitious for entering upon enlarged fields of benevolent enterprize; but to the enlarged and liberal zeal, governed by the sublime maxims of Masonry, they present no insuperable barriers. The greatest obstacle to be met with is, that prevailing form of selfishness, and covetousness, which our great light, the word of God, teaches us utterly to discard. Let this be rooted out—let even a few small rivulets be diverted from the river which administers so abundantly to our

personal wants, and sent off to irrigate the thirsty gardens of charitable enterprize; and soon "the wilderness and solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose."

Masonry in North Carolina can no longer be satisfied with past parsimony and mismanagement of its means, but is awaking to the claims of enlightened charity and liberality. When this principle is abroad, the plan only is wanting to produce the grand and glorious result. A slight change in the language of a distinguished author, expresses the sentiment here attempted to be inculcated. An ancient writer relates, that the forest of the Pyrenean Mountains being set on fire, and the heat penetrating to the soil, a pure stream of silver gushed forth from the bosom of the earth, and revealed, for the first time, the existence of those rich loads afterwards so celebrated. Covetousness yields up its pelf for benevolent uses as unwillingly as if it were appointed to succeed the earth in the office of holding and concealing it; but let the melting influence of moral and religious obligation be felt; let the fire of genuine Masonry be kindled in the lodges, and their ample stores shall be seen flowing forth from their hidden recesses, and becoming "the fine gold of the temple."

The Committee conclude by recommending the adoption of the following Resolutions:

Resolved, That a Standing Committee of three be annually appointed by the Grand Master, with authority and instructions to carry into effect as rapidly as practicable, the resolutions heretofore adopted by this Grand Lodge, with the view to the ultimate establishment of a seminary of learning; and that they report their proceedings annually to the Grand Lodge.

Resolved further, That while the Subordinate Lodges and individual Masons are appealed to for voluntary con-

tributions in aid of this great enterprise, they are earnestly and affectionately urged to hold sacred all their initiation fees especially, for the education of youth and other benevolent purposes; and it is recommended to each Lodge, in accordance with the suggestions of the M. W. Grand Master, to appoint a Standing School Committee, and to take such measures as may be best calculated to advance the cause of Education among them.

T. J. LEMAY,
C. W. D. HUTCHINGS.

In conformity to the above Resolutions, recommending the appointment of a Standing Committee on Education, the M. W. Grand Master appointed the following brethren on that Committee: Bros. T. J. Lemay, Thos. Loring and W. Hollister.

Bro. Thomas Loring introduced the following Resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Preamble and Resolutions on pages 34 and 35, of the Proceedings of the last Communication of the Grand Lodge, relative to brother Harrison, be rescinded, he having appeared before the Grand Lodge and made satisfactory acknowledgments for not attending its summons at the last Communication, and his accounts having been satisfactorily adjusted; also, that the Grand Lodge regrets that any unpleasant circumstances have grown out of an error of judgment on the part of brother Harrison.

The following Resolution was submitted by Bro. Duncan McPherson, which was read and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby tendered to the Most Worshipful Grand Master, P. W. Fanning, for the able, dignified, and impartial manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of this Grand Lodge during the present Com-

munication, as well as for his uniform zeal and untiring industry at all times, in nobly endeavoring to advance the interests of Masonry.

Upon which, the M. W. G. Master arose and thanked the Brethren, for the unequivocal and unexpected manifestation of their approbation of his humble efforts to fulfil his responsible duties, as expressed in the very complimentary Resolution just adopted; and concluded by remarking, that he had never, in all his experience, realized to so happy an extent, "how good and how pleasant it was for Brethren to dwell together in unity;" not the least circumstance having occurred to mar the harmony of their proceedings, or prevent an entire unanimity of sentiment.

The Grand Lodge having finished all the business which was brought before it, adjourned to meet again on the first Monday in December, 1846, being the 7th day of the month.

WILLIAM T. BAIN, Gr. Sec'y.

NOTE.—Immediately after the reception of these proceedings, the Master of each Subordinate Lodge should cause the same to be read, for the information of the members.

List of Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, A. L. 5845.

St. John's,	No. 1,	Wilmington.
Royal White Heart,	2,	Halifax.
Phœnix,	8,	Fayetteville.
American George,	17,	Murfreesborough.
Phalanx,	31,	Charlotte.
Davie,	39,	Bertie.
Hiram,	40,	Raleigh.
Liberty,	49,	Wilkesborough.
Hall,	53,	Currituck.
Unanimity,	54,	Edenton.
King Solomon,	56,	Northampton.
Concord,	58,	Tarborough.
Perseverance,	59,	Plymouth.
Kilwinning,	64,	Wadesborough.
Scotland Neck,	68,	Halifax.
Taylor,	69,	Beaufort.
Eagle,	71,	Hillsborough.
Widow's Son,	75,	Camden.
Greensborough,	76,	Guilford.
Sharon,	78,	Greenville.
Charity,	79,	Windsor.
University,	80,	Chapel Hill.
Zion,	81,	Trent Bridge.
Mount Moriah,	82,	Statesville.
Fellowship,	84,	Smithfield.
Morning Star,	85,	Nashville.
La Fayette,	86,	Louisburg.
Line,	87,	Duplin Old Court House.
Skewarkey,	90,	Williamston.
Western Star,	91,	Rutherfordton.
Joseph Warren,	92,	Stantonsburg.
Franklin,	94,	Hyde.
Jerusalem,	95,	Hookerton.

St. John's,	96, Kinston.
Wake Forest,	97, Wake.
Hiram,	98, Clinton.
Fulton,	99, Salisbury.
Rising Sun,	100, Morganton.
Warren,	101, Kenansville.
Columbus,	102, Pittsborough.
Star in the East,	103, Elizabeth City.
Orr,	104, Washington.
Perquimons,	106, Hertford.
Clinton,	107, Yanceyville.
Belmont,	108, Duplin County.
Franklin,	109, Beaufort.
St. John's,	110, Smithville.

RETURNS.

State of the Lodges working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, which have made Returns at the present Communication :

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 1, WILMINGTON.

OFFICERS :

S. D. Wallace,	Master.
J. A. Shepherd,	S. Warden.
T. Burr, Jr.	J. Warden.
W. A. Burr,	Secretary.
B. Baxter,	Treasurer.
A. Martin,	S. Deacon.
W. D. Smith,	J. Deacon.
R. B. Wood,	Tyler.
S. Teller,	Inner Guard.

MEMBERS :

John A. Taylor,	G. S. Gillespie,
Geo. F. Harrison,	J. A. Thomas,
Jno. Maxwell,	J. D. Moore,
B. G. Bates,	S. N. Cannon,
John T. Russ,	Jas. T. Morris,
John Walker,	A. J. King,
James T. Miller,	Jno. McAuslan,
J. H. Ennett,	Isaac Northrop,
Charles Henry,	W. W. Harriss,
T. W. Brown,	W. D. Cairns,
Luther Wright,	Viat Mayer,
Adam Empie,	Jacob Lyon,
E. M. Certain,	Isaac B. Smith,
Wm. Cook,	T. F. Peck,

Moses D. Mott,	W. Robitzch,
P. W. Fanning,	T. F. Gause,
A. P. Repeton,	D. McMillan,
R. Maxwell,	Alex. McRae,
J. L. Corbett,	David E. Roberts,
Seth King,	Jno. D. Powers,
M. V. Jones,	Thos. Marshall,
Jacob Frieze,	Thos. D. Meares,
John Christian,	Miles Costin,
S. E. Langdon,	Owen Fennell,
Thos. H. Howey,	John Smith,
W. A. Walker,	E. V. Kelly,
Andrew J. Mott,	Jno. S. James,
J. H. Millmore,	W. L. Hartson,
Thos. Cowan,	John Banks.
S. A. Laspeyre,	

Admitted 15, Initiated 9, Passed 10, Raised 10, Withdrawn and name stricken off 3, Died 1, Expelled, Elijah Dickerson, Rejected 1.

PHŒNIX LODGE, No. 8, FAYETTEVILLE.

OFFICERS:

Our late W. Master, Henry McLean, died on the 21st October, and the vacancy cannot be filled until the regular meeting of December.

Jos. Arey,	S. Warden.
J. H. Toomer,	J. Warden.
Wm. Warden,	Treasurer.
A. W. Campbell,	Secretary.
P. Dailey,	S. Deacon.
W. Mitchell,	J. Deacon.
J. B. Walton,	Steward and Tyler.

MEMBERS:

T. L. Hybart,	J. A. McRae,

H. Erambert,	J. Gibson,
John McRae,	J. Sneedheimer,
D. Baker,	E. L. Winslow,
J. R. Martin,	A. S. McNeill,
J. W. Ocheltree,	W. J. Anderson,
D. Smith,	Jas. Dodd,
J. A. McLauchlin,	G. A. Schwazman,
M. V. Jones,	J. Blake,
A. Murchison,	Hartson,
W. Draughon,	John Black,
J. A. Rowland,	C. McIver,
A. McKenzie,	R. Strange.

Admitted 3, Initiated 2, Passed 1, Raised 1, Died 1.

AMERICAN GEORGE, No. 17, MURFREESBOROUGH.

OFFICERS:

Lewis M. Cowper,	W. Master.
Samuel Polkenhorn,	S. Warden.
Alfred W. Moore,	J. Warden.
Jethro R. Darden,	Treasurer.
Albert Moore,	Secretary.
Britton Moore,	S. Deacon.
Samuel A. Darden,	J. Deacon.
R. C. Borland,	Steward.
Charles Vann,	Tyler.

MEMBERS:

Kenneth Rayner,	Charles Nash,
Roscius C. Borland,	Joseph T. Liles,
James Early,	Benjamin Beal,
James L. Grimes,	Andrew Vinson,
Pleasant Jordan,	William Boon,
John Williams,	Francis W. Jigetts,
James Spiers,	Robert H. Worthington,
Elisha D. Britt,	George W. Peete,

James Maget,	Ely Carter,
Samuel Moore,	Thomas J. Deans,
Alfred W. Darden,	Robert S. Parker,
Alexander Britt,	Frederick M. Capehart,
Joseph G. Cowper,	William T. Bynum,
Daniel McGlower,	Lawrence Ely,
William Darden,	Cordwell Vann.
James C. Jinkins,	

Admitted 1, Initiated 10, Passed 9, Raised 6, Withdrawn 2.

PHALANX LODGE, No. 31, CHARLOTTE.

OFFICERS:

William Davidson,	W. Master.
Alexander Graham,	S. Warden.
Thomas Trotter,	J. Warden.
W. W. Elms,	Treasurer.
C. E. Moss,	Secretary.
William Hunter,	S. Deacon.
Joshua Trotter,	J. Deacon.
C. Overman,	Steward.
W H. Speck,	Tyler.

MEMBERS:

Thomas Trotter,	Rev. M. A. McKebbon,
Joshua Trotter,	Robert Stewart,
F. M. Ross,	Wm. B. Weathers,
Samuel Taylor,	Rev. Wm. Crook,
H. C. Owens,	D. Hearne,
Wm. W. Elms,	John D. Simerel,
Wm. Hunter,	J. M. Happoldt,
N. W. Alexander,	C. C. Mason,
Wm. Davidson,	J. H. Grier,
Alex. Springs,	J. M. Potts,
C. Overman,	Daniel Coleman,

M. W. Alexander,	R. S. Young,
A. Bethune,	R. A. Ross,
Wm. Knox,	W. H. Specks,
J. H. Wheeler,	J. H. Harris,
John Knox,	J. W. Hampton,
Adam Scyler,	H. N. Knox,
C. E. Moss,	James Smith,
James W. Osborne,	S. N. Weddington,
R. H. Brawley,	Daniel Asbury,
R. F. Davidson,	D. M. Walker,
John K. Harrison,	Thomas Harris.
Alex. Graham,	

Initiated 5, Rejected 1, Withdrawn 2, Died 1.

HIRAM LODGE, No. 40, RALEIGH.

OFFICERS, 1845:

Wiley W. Johnson,	W. Master.
Wesley Hollister,	S. Warden.
William G. Hill,	J. Warden.
C. Grimme,	Treasurer.
William T. Bain,	Secretary.
Joseph Waltering,	S. Deacon.
Francis H. Reeder,	J. Deacon.
Richard W. Ashton,	Steward and Tyler.

OFFICERS, 1846:

Dr. Wm. G. Hill,	W. Master.
Wesley Hollister,	S. Warden.
Joseph T. Hunter,	J. Warden.
C. Grimme,	Treasurer.
William T. Baiu,	Secretary.

MEMBERS:

William J. Lougee,	Benj. F. Jordan,
Joseph T. Hunter,	Thomas R. Fentress,
John T. C. Wiatt,	Wesley Whitaker, Jr.

Thompson White,
Silas Burns,
W. N. Shauck,
Henry W. Miller,
William H. Hood,
Geo. W. Scarborough,
James Edwards,
Daniel B. Griffin,
C. W. D. Hutchings,
George H. Cain,
Horace P. Tucker.

CONCORD LODGE, No. 58, TARBOROUGH.

OFFICERS:

Louis C. Pender,	W. Master.
William H. Hines,	S. Warden.
William S. Baker,	J. Warden.
Louis Bond,	Treasurer.
Weldon S. Hunter,	Secretary.
William Pender,	Tyler,
Robert H. Pender,	S. Deacon.
James M. Weaver,	J. Deacon.

MEMBERS:

Solomon Pender, Sr.
Solomon Pender, Jr.
Josiah S. Pender,
Jos. Jno. B. Pender,
James Pender, Sr.
Joshua Pender,
William D. Thorn,
William Biggs,
Noah Legget,
Benjamin Bats,
Charles Mabry,
F. D. Little,
John Knight, Sr.
Elisha Cromwell,
William Harril,
Littlebury Brown,
Nathan Matthewson,
James Mehegan,
Simmons B. Staton,
William D. Petway,
William D. Mercer,
Lonsford R. Cherry,
Kenneth Thigpen,
Lorenzo D Bell,
Henry Foxhall,
John Williams,
John Knight, Sr.
Joshua L. Horn,
William A. Pope,
William Norfleet,
Samuel Hyman,
John S. Dancy,

Arthur K. Barlow,	John P. Stuart,
Jesse M. Hursey,	Benjamin M. Jackson,
Ira G. Ellis,	Daniel Parish,
Timothy W. Ward,	W. P. Harper.

Initiated 2, Passed 1, Raised 1, Died 2, Rejected 1.

PERSEVERANCE LODGE, No. 59, PLYMOUTH.

OFFICERS:

Joseph Ramsey,	W. Master.
Franklin F. Fagan,	S. Warden.
Elijah H. Willis,	J. Warden.
John McC. Bogle,	Secretary.
Lemuel Douglass,	Treasurer.
Thomas S. Chase,	S. Deacon.
Joseph B. Griffin,	J. Deacon.
James Best,	S. Steward.
Hardy Hardison,	J. Steward.
Willoughby Ballance,	Inner Guard.
Isaac Kelly,	Tyler.

MEMBERS:

Thomas E. Pender,	Isaac Kelly,
Joseph Ramsey,	Samuel T. Gaylord,
John McC. Bogle,	Hardy Hardison,
Franklin F. Fagan,	Daniel Wicks,
Elijah H. Willis,	James Weighman,
Lemuel Douglass,	James Best,
Willoughby Ballance,	William E. Freeman,
Thomas S. Chase,	Leonard Harrison.
Joseph B. Griffin.	

EAGLE LODGE, No. 71, HILLSBOROUGH.

OFFICERS:

Pride Jones,	W. Master,
Charles S. Warren,	S. Warden.
James M. Palmer,	J. Warden.
Allen Parks,	Treasurer.
Daniel D. Phillips,	Secretary.
James Parks,	S. Deacon.
H. R. Boshammer,	J. Deacon.
Charles L. Cooley, John Dooley,	Stewards.
Robert F. Pleasants,	Tyler.

MEMBERS:

John Berry,	Leroy D. Johnson,
Denniss Heartt,	Leo. E. Heartt,
William Horton,	Frederick K. Nash,
Solomon Allen,	Wagstaff Mainard,
Benjamin Cook,	James Turner,
John Jones,	John B. McMullen,
W. C. Christmas,	Jesse K. Cole,
Samuel B. Holden,	Stephen Moore,
John Cameron,	George Piper,
Joseph Holt,	Samuel Piper,
John J. Freeland,	William Piper,
Edward G. Read,	Samuel E. Bracken,
Archibald Boland,	Calvin H. Wiley,
James S. Smith,	William M. Gree,
James S. Leathers,	Moses Leathers,
William Nelson,	John T. Dobson,
Henry K. Nash,	Andrew C. Murdock,
Eli Watson,	James L. Watson,
Edwin A. Heartt,	John Culbreth,
William T. Shields,	George Laws.
Burhus Cheek,	

Died 2.

GREENSBOROUGH LODGE, No. 71, GUILFORD.

OFFICERS:

William Gott,	W. Master.
Joab Hiatt,	S. Warden.
Lyndon Swaim,	J. Warden.
James Dossey,	Treasurer.
John S. Dare,	Secretary.
Jacob Balsley,	S. Deacon.
Robert Mitchell,	J. Deacon.
Nathan Hiatt,	S. Steward.
Wm. P. Moring,	J. Steward.
H. J. Warren,	Tyler.

MEMBERS:

John Hiatt,	Jonathan Church,
James Clark,	Robert Caffey,
Samuel Rainey,	S. G. Coffin,
John O'Neil,	D. W. Bowman,
David McKnight,	L. D. Brown,
A. C. Lindsay,	W. G. Lea,
J. M. Logan,	W. J. McConnel,
Jas. Humphreys,	John Moring,
J. G. Wright,	Peter Adams,
J. H. Fouste,	Robert Sapp,
Boaz Adams,	J. A. Houston,
J. R. Garland,	A. T. Woolen,
Marcellus Jordan,	W. S. Davis,
N. G. Branock,	W. Elington,
James Branock,	David Scott,
J. W. Howlet,	J. A. Foulkes,
H. T. Weatherly,	J. B. Kingsbury,
W. H. Cummings,	J. L. Leach,
Benj. Williams,	D. Brown,
J. H. Lindsay,	H. Brown,
Michael Riley,	T. J. Sandridge,
S. S. Bryant,	J. A. Patterson,

J. N. Miller, Valentine Allen,
Hamilton Armfield,

Admitted 15, Entered 15, Passed 15, Raised 13, Expelled 1, Suspended 1, Rejected 1.

CHARITY LODGE, No. 78, WINDSOR.

OFFICERS:

Solomon Cherry,	W. Master.
James H. Cherry,	S. Warden.
John P. Jordan,	J. Warden.
James Allen,	Treasurer.
John S. Shepherd,	Secretary.
Thomas Reddick,	S. Deacon.
West Mizell,	J. Deacon.
Burrell B. Russell,	Steward and Tyler.

MEMBERS:

G. W. McGlawhon,	Richard P. Freeman,
James Perry,	Augustus Holly,
John R. Gilliam,	William W. Cherry,
Henry Nichols,	Robert Wynne,
Fred. McGlawhon,	Thomas H. Spellar,
Thomas Henry,	Alsey Cowan,
West Leary,	Miles Bailey,
E. Wilson,	Kader Biggs,
Jehu N. Webb,	Richard Weston,
Preston Perry,	John Chamblee,
Richardson Pearce,	Joseph Smith,
Edward C. Outlaw,	Thomas Wilkinson.
Alfred Eason,	

Admitted 4, Initiated 1, Withdrawn 2, Died 1, Suspended 5, Rejected 2.

UNIVERSITY LODGE, No. 80, CHAPEL HILL.

OFFICERS:

J. B. McDade,	W. Master.
M. R. Suggs,	S. Warden.
R. H. Lee,	J. Warden.
J. S. Gerst,	Treasurer.
J. B. Tenny,	Secretary.
W. B. Vandeford,	S. Deacon.
S. Lisberger,	J. Deacon.
N. J. King,	Tyler.

MEMBERS:

J. W. Carr,	Allen Edwards,
Alex. Cheek,	J. Moring,
S. W. Fowler,	John Huchins,
Dr. W. Barbee,	Wm. Durham,
C. W. Johnston,	Jas. Moring,
T. J. Madrey,	C. J. Freeland,
H. M. Cave,	R. R. Bridges,
S. D. Strain,	Thos. Morgan.
A. K. Clements,	

Admitted 1.

FELLOWSHIP LODGE, No. 84, SMITHFIELD.

OFFICERS:

William H. Morning,	W. Master.
Blackman Lee,	S. Warden.
Dr. T. L. Vincent,	J. Warden.
Nathan Williams,	Treasurer.
Wm. R. Lee,	Secretary.
J. Joyner, Jr.	S. Deacon.
Walter R. Moore,	J. Deacon.
Duncan McPherson,	Steward and Tyler.

MEMBERS:

John F. Sanders,	Dr. John J. Hooks,

William Hollowell,	Jesse Hinnant,
David B. Adams,	Bythan B. Allen,
Joseph J. Adams,	W. R. Hooks,
Ransom Lee,	William P. Kitchand,
John S. Cogdell,	William Thornton,
William B. Sanders,	Grey W. Thomas.

Admitted 1, Initiated 4, Passed 4, Raised 3, Withdrawn 4, Died 1.

MORNING STAR LODGE, No. 85, NASHVILLE.

OFFICERS:

John H. Drake, Jr.	W. Master,
Joseph A. Drake,	S. Warden.
Theo. H. Scott,	J. Warden.
B. H. Blount,	Treasurer.
T. J. A. Cooper,	Secretary.
J. H. Harrison,	S. Deacon.
N. J. Pittman,	J. Deacon.
Jno. Q. Taylor, B. Strickland,	Stewards.
Willis Warren,	Tyler.

MEMBERS:

James N. Mann,	W. W. Parker,
John H. Drake, Sr.	Alsey J. Taylor,
T. P. Westray,	B. D. Mann,
Isaac Sessums,	John W. Bryant,
H. H. Sorsby,	O. K. Norton,
Bouling Melton,	James W. Lancaster,
R. Thorn,	Ellen Mecomb,
William W. Bryant,	N. J. Pittman,
James Sullivent,	Arthur Freeman,
Duncan Floyd,	Joel Rosser,
Eli Manning,	John W. Calhoun,
John J. Bunn,	W. E. Spicer,

George R. Bell,	E. G. Armstrong,
Samuel G. Wheeliss,	Henry H. Bryant,
John E. Lindsey,	Thomas T. Bain,
Richmond Upchurch,	John J. Taylor,
Willis Barbee,	Wm. F. Bailey,
Thomas P. Weeks,	Robert C. Hilliard,
Henderson Lee,	Wm. W. Boddie,
B. T. Strickland,	B. H. Sorsby,
John H. Biggett,	Isaac Iserman,
James O. Thrift,	J. J. Q. Taylor,
T. J. A. Cooper,	Willis Warren,
John H. Harrison,	Wm. H. Terrell.
Calvin J. Parker,	

Initiated 9, Passed 8, Raised 10, Withdrawn 3, Died 2, Expelled 1.

SKEWARKEY LODGE, No. 90, WILLIAMSTON.

OFFICERS:

Lawrence Cherry,	W. Master.
Jesse Martin,	S. Warden.
Thomas R. Coffield,	J. Warden.
Bryant Bennett,	S. Deacon.
P. P. Clements,	J. Deacon.
A. S. Mooring,	Secretary.
A. H. Coffield,	Treasurer.
Levi Pippin,	Tyler.

MEMBERS:

Bryant Bennett,	Shepherd R. Spruill,
Thomas R. Coffield,	John P. Turner,
Lawrence Cherry,	Wm. McG. Weathersby,
A. H. Coffield,	Henry B. Smithwick,
A. S. Mooring,	Samuel C. Whitley,
Levi Pippin,	James Mizill,
William F. G. Pierce,	Joseph G. Caraway,

William Slade,	Daniel Brown,
Joseph Waldo,	P. P. Clements,
Levi S. Yates,	A, West,
Jesse Martin,	Benjamin Burnett,
Friley J. Harrell,	C. C. Hines,
Samuel T. Johnson,	Lorton Cooper.

Admitted 10, Initiated 10, Passed 11, Raised 11, Rejected 2, Withdrawn 3, Died 1.

JOSEPH WARREN LODGE, No. 92, STANTONSBURG.

OFFICERS:

William S. Duggan,	W. Master.
	S. Warden.
Lewis J. Dortch,	J. Warden.
John Wilkinson,	Treasurer.
John G. Williams,	Secretary.
James W. Barnes,	S. Deacon.
Hardy F. Barnes,	J. Deacon.
Jacob H. Barnes, Jonathan Page,	Stewards.
David Jordan,	Tyler.

MEMBERS:

Wright Edmonson,	Cooper Benjamin,
Jonathan T. Eason,	William Tunnell,
Jacob Daniel,	Thomas M. Wilkins,
James Cobb,	Herrington Daniel,
Josiah Jordan,	Amos Hays,
John Pitt,	Abner C. Wilkinson,
John W. Farmer,	Benjamin White,
Andrew E. Gill,	John Coalmon,
David P. Shattington,	William Barnes,
James J. Taylor,	Benjamin Gay,
Henry Pope,	Patrick H. Hough,
Theophilus T. Simms,	David W. Barnes,

Martain Sauls,	Stephenton Page,
John W. Wilkins,	R. S. Petway,
Robert Simms,	B. E. Farmer,
Joshua Wilkinson,	Bryant Little,
Edwin G. Speight,	William Pope.
Thomas Gay,	

Initiated 7, Passed 7, Raised 6, Withdrawn 4, Died 3, Expelled 1, Rejected 1.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 96, KINSTON.

OFFICERS:

David Jones,	W. Master.
James E. Metts,	S. Warden.
Benjamin Williams,	J. Warden.
John Clark,	Secretary.
Alexander Wilson,	Treasurer.
William B. West,	S. Deacon.
James McClenny,	J. Deacon.
Frederick Cox,	Tyler.

MEMBERS:

Royal R. Canfield,	Joshua Herring,
John Jackson,	Lewis M. Herring,
Thomas Woodley,	Joseph G. Herring,
Warren Kilpatrick,	Jesse Cobb,
Richard Kenady,	Adam Davis,
John Davis, Jr.	Jesse Jackson,
Jacob Hartsfield,	William Row,
Amos Harvy	Richard Taylor,
Thomas Masters, Jr.	Allen Davis,
Wm. H. Phillips,	James A. Mason.
L. L. Coleman,	

Initiated 4, Passed 7, Raised 7, Admitted 1, Withdrawn 4, Died 3.

HIRAM LODGE, No. 98, CLINTON.

OFFICERS:

A. B. Chesnutt,	W. Master.
Jas M. Moseley,	S. Warden.
John R. Beaman,	J. Warden.
O. M. Chesnutt,	Secretary.
Isaiah Thomson,	Treasurer.
Everett P. Nisan,	S. Deacon.
F. C. Cooper,	J. Deacon.
John Robinson,	Steward.
Wm. H. Stetson,	Tyler.

MEMBERS:

Wm. C. Butler,	Hardy Herring,
J. C. Devane,	Samuel E. Johnson,
N. Fennell,	Edward Spearman,
John Bass,	Ollen Williamson,
H. Hollingsworth,	James Armstrong,
O. H. Johnson,	Hardy Robinson,
James A. Moore,	William H. Smith,
N. Stevens,	Thomas Underwood,
John Robinson,	Ivy Lee,
John T. Molton,	Thomas L. Pugh,
A. M. Blackburn,	John K. Smith,
Jacob Underwood,	James A. Bizzle.
Francis Pugh,	

Initiated 3, Passed 4, Raised 4, Died 1.

COLUMBUS LODGE, No. 102, PITTSBOROUGH.

OFFICERS,

William Stedman,	W. Master.
Reuben C. Poe,	S. Warden.
William A. Nash,	J. Warden.
John A. Hanks,	Treasurer.
William P. Taylor,	Secretary.

Abel A. Marshall,	S. Deacon.
Wm. McClenahan,	J. Deacon.
George W. Hite,	Tyler.
Wm. Hatchcock, Paschal McCoy,	Stewards.

MEMBERS:

Rev. Lucian Burnet,	Joseph Ramsay,
H. H. Burke,	Wm. W. Stedman,
James Taylor,	Jos. Goodwin,
Wm. Foshee,	Ruffin Davis,
Charles S. Fooshe,	Chesley Council,
Joseph Thompson,	J. R. Herndon,
Jonathan Haralson,	J. B. Herndon,
Martin Hanks,	Asa B. Gunter,
Thomas Marks,	Wm. S. Gunter,
Jos. J. Jackson,	John Neal,
S. McClenahan,	James F. Jottle,
John Terry,	Wm. M. Denny,
Richard Webster,	Owen Hadley,
Sydney S. Hamlet,	Alsa Murray,
O. L. Burch,	Thomas J. Utley.

Initiated 2, Passed 2, Raised 2, Withdrawn 3, Died 1.

ORR LODGE, No. 104, WASHINGTON.

OFFICERS:

Barrister Midgett,	W. Master.
Caleb E. Rainey,	S. Warden.
Joseph E. Blount,	J. Warden.
Thomas Shaw,	Secretary.
Henry Hodges,	Treasurer.
Harvey Sawyer,	S. Deacon.
John G. Whitacer,	J. Deacon.
G. E. Buckman,	Tyler.

MEMBERS:

Thomas Respass,	James H. Williams,
John A. Freeman,	Gilbert Floyd,
Edward Hoell,	Richard Cogdell,
Wm. J. McWilliams,	D. H. Latham,
David H. Dill,	George N. Gregory,
Wm. A. Lanear,	James W. Satchwell,
James C. Hall,	J. T. McSwain,
Joseph W. Gaskill,	John W. Williams,
Ephraim R. Willis,	Jeremiah Abbott,
John S. Hawks,	James W. Redding,
Wm. L. Kenneday,	J. D. Elwell,
Paul Cornell,	Wm. Ellison,
B. M. Selby, Jr.	Martin Bernie.

Admitted 4, Initiated 24, Passed 20, Raised 20, Deaths 4, Rejected 8.

PERQUIMONS LODGE, No. 106, HERTFORD.

OFFICERS:

Jos. M. Cox,	W. Master.
W. H. Bagley,	S. Warden.
James L. Freer,	J. Warden.
Exum Stokes,	Secretary.
Malachi S. Berry,	Treasurer.
Jos. G. Gransbury,	S. Deacon.
Nathan Bagley,	J. Deacon.
Milton Hudgins,	S. Steward.
Josiah H. White,	J. Steward.
Thos. R. Simpson,	I. Guard.
Mark D. Hathaway,	Tyler.

MEMBERS:

Francis Nixon,	Thomas S. Jacocks,
Edward B. Sulton,	James Gatling,
John W. Skinner,	Timothy Billups,

James C. Skinner, Geo. W. Bruer,
James B. Skinner, Solomon S. Riggs,
Nathan Winslow, James W. Hathaway,
Charles M. Ford, Micajah J. Bunch,
J. H. Jacocks, M. O. Jordan.

Initiated 4, Passed 3, Raised 2, Died 1, Rejected 4.

BELMONT LODGE, No. 108, DUPLIN COUNTY.

OFFICERS:

D. B. Newton, W. Master.
John F. Rhodes, S. Warden.
A. R. Hicks, J. Warden.
J. J. Baker, Secretary.
T. Millard, Treasurer.
D. Bowden, S. Deacon.
L. R. Loftin, J. Deacon.
J. Loftin, Tyler.

MEMBERS:

James K. Hill, Francis O. Wilson,
S. R. Ireland, Henry W. Faison,
A. J. Hurst, Daniel Glisson,
Robert J. Hunter, N. J. Farrier,
C. D. Hill, James W. Blount,
H. A. Bizzell, William M. Bowden,
C. O. Hurst, H. Swinson,
G. W. Wallace, Willis Williamson,
John B. Wright, C. Bradley,
William Vernon, Ezekiel Rogers,
Stephen Howard, Buckner Bowden,
William Farrier, John E. Beckton,
Joel Loftin, J. L. T. McKinna,
John W. Hall, J. H. Judge.
Ely W. Hines,

Initiated 15, Passed 15, Raised 17, Withdrawn 4.

FRANKLIN LODGE No. 109, BEAUFORT.

OFFICERS:

Isaac Ramsey,	W. Master.
Ralph Howland,	S. Warden.
Elijah W. Pigott,	J. Warden.
Joel H. Davis,	Treasurer.
Thos. Page Ricaud,	Secretary.
Wm. J. Potter,	S. Deacon.
Henry Waters,	J. Deacon.
Samuel L. Dill,	S. Steward.
Gayer Chadwick,	J. Steward.
Wm. H. Piver,	I. Guard.
James M. Noe,	Tyler.

MEMBERS:

Isaac Ramsey,	Robert H. Sabiston,
Elijah W. Pigott,	Ralph Howland,
Rev. T. Page Ricaud,	Joel H. Davis,
Henry Waters,	W. J. Potter,
Gayer Chadwick,	Samuel L. Dill,
James M. Noe,	Wm. H. Piver,
Sol. H. Walker,	Zaccheus Farrow,
John C. Manson, Sr.	James T. White,
George Lane,	John C. Manson, Jr.

Admitted 3, Initiated 5, Passed 4, Raised 4.

ROYAL WHITE HART LODGE, No. 2, HALIFAX.

OFFICERS:

Charles N. Webb,	W. Master.
Levi Bryan,	S. Warden.
W. W. Daniel, Jr.	J. Warden.
J. J. Anderson,	Secretary.
F. S. Marshall,	Treasurer.
Wm. D. Carstarphen,	S. Deacon.
W. H. Tillery,	J. Deacon.

Theo. Cooper, Tyler.

John Campbell, } Stewards.
John D. Weeks, }

MEMBERS:

Anerew Joyner,	James H. Walker,
M. H. Petway,	Theophilus Cooper,
James Simmons,	William W. Daniel, Jr.
F. S. Marshall,	Thomas Pritchett,
R. C. Bond,	William Doyle,
Henry Harris,	John Campbell,
Whitmel H. Hardee,	A. J. Johnston,
Geo. W. Owens,	James V. Allen,
Wm. D. Carstarphen,	James J. Vaughan,
John W. Heptinstall,	William H. Tillery,
Blake Pittman,	Hubbard A. Sledge,
Thomas G. Lowe,	Henry Underhill,
John D. Weeks,	Thaddeus Davis,
J. J. Anderson,	Charles Alston,
Spotswood Spearman,	Richard Carpenter,
Alfred Mabry,	James S. Snow,
Charles N. Webb,	Levi Bryan,
Augustus V. Russell,	Thomas P. Alston.
Henry Aaron,	

Initiated 5, Passed 2, Raised 3, Withdrawn 6, Dead 1.

The Grand Lodge of North Carolina was first constituted by virtue of a Charter from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, A. D. 1771, which has been preserved and is now in the Lodge Room. It convened occasionally in Newbern and Edenton, at which latter place the Records were deposited previous to the Revolutionary War. During that sanguinary contest, the Records were destroyed by the British Army, and its meetings were, in consequence thereof, suspended.

In the year 1787, the Members of the Craft convened at Hillsborough, in this State, and compiled certain regulations for the government of the Grand Lodge, and again set to work. A Committee was appointed in December, 1797, to form a Constitution for their future government, which was accordingly done, and the said Constitution was formally adopted and ratified at the City of Raleigh, at which place the Grand Lodge has continued to hold its meetings annually.

Constitution of Grand Lodge was formed by a Committee (W R Davie, James Glasgow and Robert Williams) and adopted 17 Dec 1797

A LIST of the six principal Officers of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, from 1787 to 1845, inclusive.

DECEMBER 11, 1787.

Samuel Johnston,	Grand Master.
Richard Caswell,	Deputy Grand Master.
Richard Ellis,	Grand S. Warden.
Michael Payne,	" J. "
Abner Neal,	" Treasurer.
James Glascow,	" Secretary.

NOVEMBER 18, 1788.

Richard Caswell,	Grand Master.
Michael Payne,	Deputy Grand Master.
James Glascow,	Grand S. Warden.
S. W. Arnett,	" J. "
Stephen Cabarrus,	" Treasurer.
William J. Dawson,	" Secretary.

NOVEMBER 21, 1789.

Samuel Johnston,	Grand Master.
James Glascow,	Deputy Grand Master.
S. W. Arnett,	Grand S. Warden.
Lunsford Long,	" J. Warden.
Stephen Cabarrus,	" Treasurer.
William J. Dawson,	" Secretary.

NOVEMBER 17, 1790.

Samuel Johnston,	Grand Master.
James Glascow,	Deputy Grand Master.
Stephen Cabarrus,	Grand S. Warden.
Isaac Guion,	" J. Warden.
Frederick Hargot,	" Treasurer.
Mathias Handy,	" Secretary.

DECEMBER 22, 1791.

Samuel Johnston,	Grand Master.
James Glascow.	Deputy Grand Master.

Stephen Cabarrus,	Grand S. Warden.
Lunsford Long,	" J. Warden.
Frederick Hargot,	" Treasurer.
Mathias Handy,	" Secretary.

DECEMBER 14, 1792.

William R. Davie,	Grand Master.
James Glascow,	Deputy Grand Master.
Lunsford Long,	Grand S. Warden.
John Macon,	" J. Warden.
Frederick Hargot,	" Treasurer.
James Ellis,	" Secretary.

DECEMBER 23, 1793.

William R. Davie,	Grand Master,
James Glascow,	Deputy Grand Master.
John Macon,	Grand S. Warden.
John Louis Taylor,	" J. Warden.
Frederick Hargot,	" Treasurer.
Richard W. Freear,	" Secretary.

DECEMBER 3, 1794.

William R. Davie,	Grand Master.
James Glascow,	Deputy Grand Master.
John Louis Taplor,	Grand S. Warden.
John Ingles,	" J. Warden.
Waller Alves,	" Treasurer.
Richard W. Freear,	" Secretary.

DECEMBER 6, 1795.

William R. Davie,	Grand Master.
James Glascow,	Deputy Grand Master.
John Louis Taylor,	Grand S. Warden.
Henry Hill,	" J. Warden.
John Macon,	" Treasurer.
Robert Williams,	" Secretary.

DECEMBER 3, 1796.

William R. Davie,	Grand Master.
James Glascow,	Deputy Grand Master.
John Louis Taylor,	Grand S. Warden.

Montfort Stokes,	"	J. Warden.
Robert Williams,	"	Secretary.
	"	Treasurer.

DECEMBER 10, 1797.

William R. Davie,	Grand Master.
James Glascow,	Deputy Grand Master.
John Louis Taylor,	Grand S. Warden.
Montfort Stokes,	" J. Warden.
Richard W. Frecar,	" Treasurer.
Robert Williams, Jr.	" Secretary.

DECEMBER 16, 1798.

William R. Davie,	Grand Master,
John Haywood,	Deputy Grand Master.
Montfort Stokes,	Grand S. Warden.
David Caldwell,	" J. Warden.
Henry Potter,	" Treasurer.
Robert Williams,	" Secretary.

DECEMBER 4, 1799.

William Polk,	Grand Master.
John Louis Taylor,	Deputy Grand Master.
Montfort Stokes,	Grand S. Warden.
Wrightsville Avery,	" J. Warden.
Henry Potter,	" Treasurer.
Robert Williams,	" Secretary.

DECEMBER 3, 1800.

William Polk,	Grand Master.
John Louis Taylor,	Deputy Grand Master.
Montfort Stokes,	Grand S. Warden.
John Winslow,	" J. Warden.
Robert Williams,	" Secretary.
Henry Potter,	" Treasurer.

DECEMBER 11, 1801.

William Polk,	Grand Master.
John Louis Taylor,	Deputy Grand Master.
Montfort Stokes,	Grand S. Warden.
William Duffy,	" J. Warden.

Robert Williams,	"	Secretary.
William Boylan,	"	Treasurer.

DECEMBER 12, 1802.

John Louis Taylor,	Grand Master.	
Montfort Stokes,	Deputy Grand Master.	
John Hall,	Grand S. Warden.	
Nathaniel Alexander,	"	J. Warden.
Robert Williams,	"	Secretary.
William Boylan,	"	Treasurer.

DECEMBER 11, 1803.

John Louis Taylor,	Grand Master.	
Montfort Stokes,	Deputy Grand Master.	
John Hall,	Grand S. Warden.	
William Duffy,	"	J. Warden.
Robert Williams,	"	Secretary.
William Boylan,	"	Treasurer.

DECEMBER 13, 1804.

John Louis Taylor,	Grand Master.	
Montfort Stokes,	Deputy Grand Master.	
John Hall,	Grand S. Warden.	
Robert Cochran,	"	J. Warden.
Robert Williams,	"	Secretary.
William Boylan,	"	Treasurer.

DECEMBER 12, 1805.

John Hall,	Grand Master.	
Montfort Stokes,	Deputy Grand Master.	
Robert Cochran,	Grand S. Warden.	
William Duffy,	"	J. Warden.
Robert Williams,	"	Secretary.
William Boylan,	"	Treasurer.

DECEMBER 5, 1806.

John Hall,	Grand Master.	
Montfort Stokes,	Deputy Grand Master.	
Robert Cochran,	Grand S. Warden.	
William Duffy,	"	J. Warden.
Robert Williams,	"	Secretary.
William Boylan,	"	Treasurer.

NOVEMBER 28, 1807.

John Hall,	Grand Master,
Montfort Stokes,	Deputy Grand Master,
Benjamin Smith,	Grand S. Warden.
George L. Davidson,	" J. Warden.
Robert Williams,	" Secretary.
William Boylan,	" Treasurer.

DECEMBER 16, 1808.

Benjamin Smith,	Grand Master.
Robert Williams,	Deputy Grand Master.
George L. Davidson,	Grand S. Warden.
Andrew Caldwell,	" J. Warden.
Thomas L. Williams,	" Secretary.
William Boylan,	" Treasurer.

DECEMBER 11, 1809.

Benjamin Smith,	Grand Master.
Robert Williams,	Deputy Grand Master.
Montfort Stokes,	Grand S. Warden.
Dr. Calvin Jones,	" J. Warden.
Thomas L. Williams,	" Secretary.
William Boylan,	" Treasurer.

DECEMBER 1, 1810.

Benjamin Smith,	Grand Master.
Robert Williams,	Deputy Grand Master.
Dr. Calvin Jones,	Grand S. Warden.
George L. Davidson,	" J. Warden.
Thomas L. Williams,	" Secretary.
William Boylan,	" Treasurer.

NOVEMBER 29, 1811.

Robert Williams,	Grand Master.
Jeremiah Slade,	Deputy Grand Master.
Dr. Calvin Jones,	Grand S. Warden.
George L. Davidson,	" J. Warden.
Alexander Lucas,	" Secretary.
William Boylan,	" Treasurer.

DECEMBER 5, 1812.

Robert Williams,	Grand Master.
	Deputy Grand Master.
Dr. Calvin Jones,	Grand S. Warden.
William Miller,	" J. Warden.
Alexander Lucas,	" Secretary.
William Boylan,	" Treasurer.

DECEMBER 11, 1813.

Robert Williams,	Grand Master.
Jeremiah Slade,	Deputy Grand Master.
Dr. Calvin Jones,	Grand S. Warden.
William Miller,	" J. Warden.
Alexander Lucas,	" Secretary.
William Boylan,	" Treasurer.

NOVEMBER 26, 1814.

John Louis Taylor,	Grand Master.
Jeremiah Slade,	Deputy Grand Master.
Dr. Calvin Jones,	Grand S. Warden.
William Miller,	" J. Warden.
William Boylan,	" Treasurer.
Alexander Lucas,	" Secretary.

DECEMBER 18, 1815.

John Louis Taylor,	Grand Master.
	Deputy Grand Master.
Dr. Calvin Jones,	Grand S. Warden.
William Miller,	" J. Warden.
Alexander Lucas,	" Secretary.
William Boylan,	" Treasurer.

DECEMBER 14, 1816.

John Louis Taylor,	Grand Master.
Kemp Plummer,	Deputy Grand Master.
Dr. Calvin Jones,	Grand S. Warden.
William Miller,	" J. Warden.
Alexander Lucas,	" Secretary.
William Boylan,	" Treasurer.

DECEMBER 8, 1817.

Calvin Jones,	Grand Master.

John Winslow,	Deputy Grand Master.
James Iredell,	Grand S. Warden.
Simmons J. Baker,	" J. Warden.
Alexander Lucas,	" Secretary.
William Boylan,	" Treasurer.

DECEMBER 19, 1818.

Calvin Jones,	Grand Master.
John Winslow,	Deputy Grand Master.
Louis D. Wilson,	Grand S. Warden.
Leonard Henderson,	" J. Warden.
William Boylan,	" Treasurer.
Alexander Lucas,	" Secretary.

DECEMBER 3, 1819.

Calvin Jones,	Grand Master.
James Iredell,	Deputy Grand Master.
Louis D. Wilson,	Grand S. Warden.
Leonard Henderson,	" J. Warden.
Alexander Lucas,	" Secretary.
William Boylan,	" Treasurer.

DECEMBER 16, 1820.

John A. Cameron,	Grand Master,
Frederick Nash,	Deputy Grand Master.
Louis D. Wilson,	Grand S. Warden.
J. C. Ehringhaus,	" J. Warden.
William Boylan,	" Treasurer.
Bazabel Gillett,	" Secretary.

DECEMBER 3, 1821.

John A. Cameron,	Grand Master.
	Deputy Grand Master.
Jams S. Smith,	Grand S. Warden.
Joseph H. Bryan,	" J. Warden.
William Boylan,	" Treasurer.
Benj. A. Barham,	" Secretary.

1822—No record of proceedings found for this year.

DECEMBER 15, 1823.

Robert Strange,	Grand Master.

Francis L. Hawks,	Deputy Grand Master.
Thomas Clancy,	Grand S. Warden.
Bazabell Gillett,	" J. "
William Boylan,	" Treasurer.
Alex. J. Lawrence,	" Secretary.

DECEMBER 23, 1824.

Robert Strange,	Grand Master.
Francis L. Hawks,	Deputy Grand Master.
Thomas A. Pasteur,	Grand S. Warden.
Bazell Gillett,	" J. "
Benjamin A. Barham,	" Treasurer.
Alex. J. Lawrence,	" Secretary.

DECEMBER 6, 1825.

Hutchins G. Burton,	Grand Master.
Francis L. Hawks,	Deputy Grand Master.
George E. Spruill,	Grand S. Warden.
Louis D. Wilson,	" J. Warden.
Benjamin A. Barham,	" Treasurer.
Alex. J. Lawrence,	" Secretary.

DECEMBER 19, 1826.

Hutchins G. Burton,	Grand Master.
Francis L. Hawks,	Deputy Grand Master.
George E. Spruill,	Grand S. Warden.
Louis D. Wilson,	" J. Warden.
Benjamin A. Barham,	" Treasurer.
Alex. J. Lawrence,	" Secretary.

DECEMBER 6, 1827.

Louis D. Wilson,	Grand Master.
John E. Lewis,	Deputy Grand Master.
George E. Spruill,	Grand S. Warden.
Jesse Speight,	" J. Warden.
Benjamin A. Barham,	" Treasurer.
Alex. J. Lawrence,	" Secretary.

DECEMBER 10, 1828.

Louis D. Wilson,	Grand Master.
John Owen,	Deputy Grand Master.

James Grant,	Grand S. Warden.
Samuel F. Patterson,	" J. Warden.
Benjamin A. Barham,	" Treasurer.
John C. Stedman,	" Secretary.

DECEMBER 8, 1829.

Louis D. Wilson,	Grand Master,
John Owen,	Deputy Grand Master.
James Grant,	Grand S. Warden.
Samuel F. Patterson,	" J. Warden.
Benjamin A. Barham,	" Treasurer.
John C. Stedman,	" Secretary.

DECEMBER 14, 1830.

Richard D. Speight,	Grand Master.
Samuel F. Patterson,	Deputy Grand Master.
George Blair,	Grand S. Warden.
John H. Wheeler,	" J. Warden.
Benjamin A. Barham,	" Treasurer.
John C. Stedman,	" Secretary.

DECEMBER 7, 1831.

Richard D. Speight,	Grand Master.
Samuel F. Patterson,	Deputy Grand Master.
R. Haywood,	Grand S. Warden.
D. Coleman,	" J. Warden.
D. Lindeman,	" Treasurer.
C. D. Lehman,	" Secretary.

DECEMBER 17, 1832.

Simmons J. Baker,	Grand Master.
William Davidson,	Deputy Grand Master.
Gray Little,	Grand S. Warden.
John G. Marshall,	" J. Warden.
Thomas J. Lemay,	" Secretary.
D. Lindeman,	" Treasurer.

DECEMBER 11, 1833.

Samuel F. Patterson,	Grand Master.
David W. Stone,	Deputy Grand Master.
Daniel Coleman,	Grand S. Warden.

Edmund B. Freeman,	"	J. Warden.
D. Lindeman,	"	Treasurer.
J. J. Christophers,	"	Secretary.

DECEMBER 3, 1834.

Samuel F. Patterson,	Grand Master.	
David W. Stone,	Deputy Grand Master,	
Daniel Coleman,	Grand S. Warden.	
John G. Marshall,	"	J. Warden.
D. Lindeman,	"	Treasurer.
J. J. Christophers,	"	Secretary.

DECEMBER 7, 1835.

Lewis H. Marsteller,	Grand Master.	
David W. Stone,	Deputy Grand Master.	
Daniel Coleman,	Grand S. Warden.	
Edmund B. Freeman,	"	J. Warden.
Green W. Ligon,	"	Treasurer.
J. J. Christophers,	"	Secretary.

DECEMBER 14, 1836.

Lewis H. Marsteller,	Grand Master.	
David W. Stone,	Deputy Grand Master.	
Henry Blount,	Grand S. Warden.	
James Maclin,	"	J. Warden.
Green W. Ligon,	"	Treasurer.
William T. Bain,	"	Secretary.

DECEMBER 25, 1837.

David W. Stone,	Grand Master.	
Thos. L. B. Gregory,	Deputy Grand Master.	
William W. Cherry,	Grand S. Warden.	
William B. Dunn,	"	J. Warden.
C. W. D. Hutchings,	"	Treasurer.
William T. Bain,	"	Secretary.

DECEMBER 7, 1838.

David W. Stone,	Grand Master.	
Kenneth Rayner,	Deputy Grand Master.	
William W. Cherry,	Grand S. Warden.	
Duncan G. McRae,	"	J. Warden.

C. W. D. Hutchings,	"	Treasurer.
William T. Bain,	"	Secretary.

DECEMBER 3, 1839.

David W. Stone,	Grand Master,	
William B. Dunn,	Deputy Grand Master.	
John G. Marshall,	Grand S. Warden.	
Daniel L. Crenshaw,	"	J. Warden.
C. W. D. Hutchings,	"	Treasurer.
William T. Bain,	"	Secretary.

DECEMBER 8, 1840.

Simmons J. Baker,	Grand Master.	
W. S. Baker,	Deputy Grand Master.	
D. L. Crenshaw,	Grand S. Warden.	
K. Biggs,	"	J. Warden.
C. W. D. Hutchings,	"	Treasurer.
William A. Harrison,	"	Secretary.

DECEMBER 7, 1841.

Daniel L. Crenshaw,	Grand Master.	
Thomas Loring,	Deputy Grand Master.	
T. E. Pender,	Grand S. Warden.	
Davis Young,	"	J. Warden.
C. W. D. Hutchings,	"	Treasurer.
William A. Harrison,	"	Secretary.

DECEMBER 8, 1842.

John H. Wheeler,	Grand Master.	
J. H. Jacocks,	Deputy Grand Master.	
T. E. Pender,	Grand S. Warden.	
Davis Young,	"	J. Warden.
C. W. D. Hutchings,	"	Treasurer.
William A. Harrison,	"	Secretary.

DECEMBER 7, 1843.

John H. Wheeler,	Grand Master.	
Hon. D. L. Swain,	Deputy Grand Master.	
P. W. Fanning,	Grand S. Warden.	
William P. Taylor,	"	J. Warden.
C. W. D. Hutchings,	"	Treasurer.
William A. Harrison,	"	Secretary.

DECEMBER 7, 1844.

P. W: Fanning,	Grand Master.
David W. Stone,	Deputy Grand Master.
Thomas S. Clarke,	Grand S. Warden.
A. S. Mooring,	" J. Warden.
C. W. D. Hutchings,	" Treasurer.
William T. Bain,	" Secretary.

DECEMBER 4, 1845.

P. W. Fanning,	Grand Master.
Thomas Loring,	Deputy Grand Master.
Wiley W. Johnson,	Grand S. Warden.
Talcott Burr,	" J. Warden.
C. W. D. Hutchings,	" Treasurer.
William T. Bain,	" Secretary.